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FIRST EDITION.

FOREIGN NEWS.

BY THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

England.

LOSS OF LIFE IN THE GOLIATH.

LONDON, December 22.—The report that there was no loss of life by the burning of the training ship Goliath is contradicted. There is reason to believe that twenty boys perished.

LORD GORDON ELECTED TO PARLIAMENT.

Lord Advocate Edward Strathern Gordon, Conservative, has been re-elected to Parliament by the Universities of Glasgow and Aberdeen.

France.

THE LOUISIANE DISASTER.

LONDON, December 23, 7 P. M.—A Paris dispatch to the London *Telegraph* asserts that only one passenger was drowned on the steamer Louisiana. All the others lost belonged to the crew.

Spain.

SPANISH REINFORCEMENTS FOR CUBA.

MADRID, December 23.—*El Cronista* announces that the Government has decided to send important reinforcements to Cuba.

Turkey.

REJECTION OF THE SULTAN'S PROPOSITION.

LONDON, December 23.—A special from Vienna reports that the eighty insurgent delegates assembled at Jamsteza, Bosnia, have rejected the Sultan's firman, proposing reforms, as unworthy of confidence. They have formed a sort of provisional government.

Italy.

AN ERUPTION FROM MOUNT VESUVIUS STILL IMMINENT.

ROME, December 22.—Dispatches from Naples report that the agitation in Mount Vesuvius is increasing and an extensive eruption is expected.

Marine News.

PLYMOUTH, December 22.—The steamship Labrador, from New York for Havre, arrived off this port last night. Owing to the prevalence of heavy gales, however, it was found impossible to land her passengers and mail.

QUEENSTOWN, December 22.—Steamer Queen, from New York, has arrived.

LONDON, December 22.—The training ship Goliath, at Gravesend, was burned this morning.

SOUTHAMPTON, December 22.—Arrived—The steamer America, from New York.

THE NEW ENGLAND SOCIETY.

Seventieth Annual Dinner at New York—General Sherman's Speech.

NEW YORK, December 22.—At the seventieth annual dinner of the New England Society to-night, President Bailey presided, having at his right President Grant and on his left General Sherman. Many distinguished persons were present and responded to toasts. President Grant did not speak, but General Sherman in reply to "The Army and Navy," said: Upon the civilization of New England is based the civilization of North America. The black man is as free as I am; the Japanese are free to come here; so are the Chinese, but the civilization of New England will remain and will govern this continent. The New England man, go where he will, carries a character which, for enlarging, will affect everything he comes in contact with. He is the embodiment of all English speaking people who believe in honesty, truth and patriotism." Referring to the result of the late war, he declared "that never was there such an example of the conquerors giving the conquered the same rights they themselves possessed. The moment the vanquished had laid down their arms, we said to them 'Go home; go to work for the flag which is to be the common one of our homes.' I say to every Southern man who will go with us heart and hand to build up this land, they are welcome just as if born on the very surface of Plymouth Rock; but if they cherish any hopes for the old cause, a storm will arise over their heads ten times as heavy as the last. I speak for the Army and Navy, the men of bone and muscle, the brain and sinew, the aggregate American." He referred to the hard times and said: "The trouble is that people look too much to cities. I say to-night, To the West. [Laughter.] There is no trouble in St. Louis—plenty to eat and to drink; and we will give you a hearty welcome and God speed to the best land west of us. If the people of New York will learn the lesson of the Pilgrim Fathers and go back to some habit of their economy, the national debt will be extinguished in five years and specie payments would come naturally. Let us go back to the times before the war and, if necessary, I myself will give an example of earning my own living. But in doing so, let us still keep ourselves ready for war whenever it comes. Let us keep the art of war before us, so that we will not have the mortification of sending to Germany for soldiers to defend soldiers in the next war." [Great cheering].

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

A New York Crooked Whisky Case.

NEW YORK, December 22.—William A. Bomy, Secretary of the New York Rectifying Company, No. 11 Cedar street, was this afternoon held by the United States Commissioner to await the action of the Grand Jury for failing to make proper entries of the manufacture of distilled spirits.

The Alleged Toledo Robber Sent to Ohio.

William Mortimer, the alleged robber of the Auditor's office in Toledo, Ohio, was handed over to the officers of that State this afternoon.

Coroner's Verdict in the Alexander-Rubenstein Murder Case.

The inquest over the body of Sarah Alexander, the murdered Jewess, was concluded this afternoon. The jury found that the murdered girl came to her death by violence at the hands of Pesach N. Rubenstein, and that the death of the child was consequent upon that of its mother.

More Lawlessness in the Anthracite Region.

POTTSVILLE, PA., December 22.—The special police of the Reading Railroad Company are guarding the track and trains in the vicinity of Mount Carmel to-day, being called there suddenly to protect the company's property against a gang of desperadoes who boarded the passenger train last night and fired on the conductor and brakeman, wounding the latter. They then commenced beating the conductor, when the passengers came to his rescue and succeeded in driving them from the car. The excitement is intense.

A Family Party—Shot by a Brother-in-Law.

ATCHISON, KANSAS, December 22.—At Kaysville, fifteen miles west of this place, Saturday evening last, during a quarrel in regard to the payment of a note, Jos. Garrel was shot and instantly killed by his brother-in-law, Wm. Hixon. The excitement in the neighborhood was intense and it was feared that Hixon would be taken from the officers by the mob and hanged. He claims to have done the shooting in self defense but the accounts received do not sustain the claim.

Terrible Gas Explosion in Boston.

BOSTON, December 22.—Shortly before seven o'clock this evening, a terrible explosion occurred in South Boston by which a large number of persons were injured and several killed. As yet it is impossible to learn the cause of the explosion or the extent of the damage. The large gas main running under the Federal street bridge to South Boston, and thence along the water's edge, under the pavement on Federal street, exploded with a loud report, tearing up the pavement for a distance of one hundred and fifty feet or more. The street was thronged with people at the time, and many were buried under the debris. Crosby's grain warehouse was badly shattered and will have to be taken down. The foreman was instantly killed. It is supposed that several persons were blown into the water. Several dead bodies have already been taken out.

The list of killed and wounded, as far as ascertained, is as follows: Killed 2, fatally injured 4, seriously hurt 9, slightly hurt 3. Seven persons are missing and are supposed to have been blown into the water and drowned. As yet there is no positive knowledge of the cause of the explosion, but it is supposed that the recent cold weather caused the pipe to burst and, the ground becoming impregnated with gas, ignition from some cause communicated the fire to the confined gas and caused the explosion. Eye witnesses state that the first intimation was a bright flash about the middle of the causeway, followed by a sharp explosion, pavingstones, gravel and debris flying in all directions, and persons immediately thereafter, the causeway on the right hand side, under which ran the gas main, fell over into the river, carrying with it several persons who were stunned, injured or killed by the explosion. The number of these is not yet ascertained, but it is feared that several were buried under the debris at the bottom of the river. The pavement was completely torn up for a distance of one hundred and seventy-five feet.

Railway Collision.

CINCINNATI, December 22.—A collision occurred on the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad this morning between a freight train and a construction train, near Hamilton. The engineer of the construction train, W. W. Farley, jumped from his engine and fractured his skull on a stone. He is not expected to live.

MISSISSIPPI LEGAL PRACTICE.

Experience Meeting of the Bar and Bench—Candid Interchange of Opinions—An Ex-Parte Statement.

FRANKLIN, MISS., December 22.—A few moments previous to the adjournment of the Parish Court here to-night, a paper containg the following was presented to E. B. Mentz, the Parish Judge:

"The undersigned, members of the bar of the parish of St. Mary, acting under a sense of duty which we owe to ourselves, as members of your court and as representatives of those who are interested in a pure administration of law both civil and criminal, feel the necessity of calling upon you in this formal manner to resign your office of Parish Judge of the parish of St. Mary's. To us your incompetency is manifest, the interested motives which in most cases influence your decisions are palpable, and in all cases which come before you, the wide departure from all that should give dignity and weight to, and confidence in the rulings of a court of justice is beyond all question. In the interest, therefore, of our profession, and of pure administration, of the law and good order, and peace of this community, we request you to tender your resignation of the office which you hold.

[Signed] FRED. GATES,
D. CAFFERY,
M. J. FOSTER,
A. C. ALLEN,
G. B. SHEPHERD,
A. C. DULARTRAIN,

for self and for B. T. WINCHESTER and S. LANAUX.

To which the Judge replied: "I have tried to perform my duty faithfully and impartially; and inasmuch as the signers of this paper did not vote for me at the last election, I shall continue to administer the functions of my office, until my constituents [meaning the colored people] call upon me to resign."

Thus the matter stands. It is the intention of the members of the bar to appeal to the next Legislature in order to secure the impeachment of the Judge by that body.

THE PACIFIC DISASTER.

Results of the Lesson—Legislative Action Contemplated.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 22.—Owing to the severe strictures of the Victoria press on the loss of the Pacific, Messrs. Goodall, Wilson & Perkins announce their intention of withdrawing their ships from the line.

Assemblyman Pullen, of San Francisco, formerly an employee in Goodall, Wilson & Perkins, has introduced a resolution in the Assembly asking the appointment of a Legislative committee to devise means to prevent in future similar disasters to the loss of the Pacific, and supported the resolution in a speech referring to the loss on the coast in past years, of ten steamers and fifteen hundred lives, and vigorously denounced the system, which permitted ships to go to sea in an unsound condition, ill provided with means of saving life with, and an unreliable, undisciplined crew, largely composed of Chinese. The resolution caused much comment in nautical circles.

Heavy and Disastrous Rains in Texas.

GALVESTON, December 22.—There has been very heavy rains throughout Southern and Western Texas for the last two days. The rivers and bayous are higher than for years. No railroads left or leave North to-day on account of the unsafe condition of the trestles. The roads north of Houston to-day are reported broken and trains blocked. Steamers could not leave Houston to-day on account of the floods in the bayou. It is feared that much damage is done to different roads and bridges.

TELEGRAPHIC PERSONALS.

A Shanghai dispatch says that Chen Lang Pin and Yang Hong have been appointed Ministers of China to the United States.

Captain General Valmesada has refused the request of a number of the highest military officers in Cuba to sign an order allowing them to return with him to Spain.

George H. Gibbs, a prominent bookseller of Little Rock, Arkansas, whose store was burned a short time since, died suddenly Tuesday night. The remains were yesterday sent to Rochester, New York.

Mr. McPherson, during the twelve years he was Clerk of the House, disbursed over six millions of dollars. When he had a final settlement a few days ago the Treasury accounts showed one dollar and seventy-six cents to his credit more than was shown by his own accounts.

The appointment is announced of another ex-Congressman from Kentucky under the Clerk of the House. This time it is John B. Rice, and he is made Librarian of the House in place of John James Piatt. This makes the fourth ex-Congressman from Kentucky appointed to positions under the House.

Miss Sallie Worthington Davis, only daughter of Judge David Davis, of Bloomington, Illinois, was married in that city last evening to Henry Stuart Swayne, of Toledo, son of Judge Swayne. The Reverend Samuel Taggart performed the service. A large number of distinguished persons were present.

Mrs. Emma C. Moulton has decided to call an ex-parte council in her case unless Plymouth church consents to the holding of a mutual council, based upon questions proposed by Mrs. Moulton in her last letter, as well as those set forth by the church. The council will comprise such persons as, she is informed, are the best members of the Congregational Church in the United States.

The position for which Colonel Bangs leaves the office of Superintendent of the United States Railway Mail Service, on the 1st proximo, is said to be that of general manager of an Illinois manufactory of agricultural implements, with a salary of $6,000 per annum. He has refused an offer of $5,000 a year from a railroad company. The Postmaster General expresses much regret at the loss of so valuable a lieutenant as Colonel Bangs has proved himself to be.

NEWS SUMMARY.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Probabilities for To-Day.—For the Ohio Valley and Lower lakes, falling, followed by rising barometer, warmer southwest winds, veering to cooler northwest, and partly cloudy weather. For the Middle and Eastern States, increasing south and west winds, warmer and partly cloudy weather, with rain in the northern sections, and generally lower pressure. The rivers will generally fall.

The steamships Erin, from Liverpool, and Pommerania, from Hamburg, have arrived at New York.

John Smith Francis has accepted the position of State Treasurer of Kansas, in place of Lappin, the defaulter. The investigation of the latter's case is still going on.

The city and county of St. Louis have appointed delegates to represent their interests at the stockholders' meeting of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, to be held in New York on December 28th.

A dispatch from Salt Lake says that it is reported that the Bay City Tunnel Company have struck a rich and large body of ore some two hundred feet below the working of the Emma mine, supposed to be the Elma lode.

It is reported that there has been such a serious falling off in the revenue of the Canadian Government that the policy of the Government in the Pacific Railroad question will be to announce a deficit of $3,000,000 in the treasury.

The representatives of the trunk lines held a meeting at the Grand Hotel at Cincinnati yesterday, and decided to advance fourth class rates to correspond with those fixed at the meeting at Chicago, a few weeks ago. They made no change in rates on flour and grain. The new tariff takes effect on December 28.

A committee of the bankers of San Francisco met yesterday to draft a plan for a clearing house. A majority of the banks favor the project and it is expected that fifteen will join in the movement, and that others will come in. The objection of these demurring is that it will violate the secrecy of business.

A letter from New Haven says the Yale University Boat Club yesterday issued a challenge to the Harvard University Boat Club, to row an eight oared, four mile straight away race with cockswains, at such time and place and on such conditions as shall hereafter mutually be agreed upon. If Harvard agrees to accept Yale's challenge, Yale is in favor of pulling either in New London or Springfield waters.

In the New Orleans City Council, yesterday, Mayor Loeds delivered a message advising against levying a tax for the payment of the interest of the public debt; also for police and school purposes—the former because of the poverty of the taxpayers and the latter because their control is under the State and not the city law. The new budget is required by law to be promulgated before the first of January next. The Mayor's message evokes much comment.

SECOND EDITION.

WASHINGTON.

The Anti-Catholic Mare's Nest.

Mr. Jewell Not in the Ring.

Mr. Kerr's Ambitious Scheme in the Construction of the House Committees.

It Does Not Afford Much Satisfaction to the Outsiders.

The Steamboat Inspection Service.

Very Decided Necessity for Reform and Reorganization.

GENERAL GOSSIP AT THE CAPITAL.

Special Dispatch to the Commercial.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22, 1875.

Pennsylvania Collectors' Bonds Filed.

Collectors Davis and Sullivan, respectively of the consolidated Twenty-second and Twenty-third Internal Revenue districts of Pennsylvania, have filed their bonds. The order transferring the books and papers will be issued in a few days.

Mr. Jewell Not an "A. U."

The Postmaster General to-day said to your correspondent that the statement made in a New York sensation newspaper, that he belonged to the Order of the American Union is wholly without truth. He said, laughingly, that he belonged to the "I. O. U" instead of the "O. A. U."

Babcock and His Uncomfortable Position.

General Babcock was at his office at the White House a short time this morning and had a brief interview with the President before the latter's departure for New York. It is not yet ascertained whether General Babcock will resume his official duties here now, pending the trial at St. Louis.

Mr. Kerr's Little Game.

The politicians say that the real object which Speaker Kerr had in view in making up the committees was his chances for the Presidency. This, it is said, accounts for the partiality shown toward the West and South.

Reforms Needed in the Steamboat Inspection Service.

It is highly probable that the movement instituted by Senator Morrill, of Vermont, for an inquiry into the management of the steamboat inspection service will result in an entire reorganization of that service. It has for a long time been within the knowledge of the Treasury Department that there are radical defects in the service as at present constituted, both as to the *personnel*, and as to the details of inspections. To this may be traced many of the terrible accidents which form so important a part of steamboat annals. It has been found that some of the inspectors can neither read nor write, and their accounts with the Department are often made out for them by outside parties. To inefficiency has also been added dishonesty and corruption. In one case a bull inspector at one of the principal ports has been in the habit of unnecessarily compelling vessels to go into docks in which he had a personal interest.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 22, 1875.

THE WEIGHT OF POWER WITH THE WEST.

The transfer of power from New England and the Middle States to the West, through the majority of important chairmanship of the House given to the latter section by Mr. Kerr's assignments, creates considerable comment. One of Mr. Kerr's friends is fully authority for the statement that in thus making the transfer the Speaker did it with deliberation and intent, having in his mind's eye the accomplishment of this very purpose when he was framing his committees.

REPUBLICANS SATISFIED.

Amid the dissatisfaction evinced over the committees as constituted by the Speaker, there is a general satisfaction among the Republicans. They feel that their best talent has been assigned to the most important places, and can be utilized where long in the committees such legislation as will prove obnoxious. The disgruntled ones are the Democrats, particularly the old members of the party who have been superseded by the majority. The willingness of the average Democrat to accept any service the party may have to bestow is illustrated to-day, by the acceptance of a messenger's position under the Doorkeeper, by John H. Patterson, of New Jersey, who was one of the candidates for the position of Sergeant-at-Arms.

REDUCTION OF THE ARMY.

There is a general impression that Mr. Banning, of Ohio, was selected by Mr. Kerr as Chairman of the Military Committee on account of the active efforts he has heretofore made in the House to reduce the standing army of the United States. It is also announced that he will, soon after the holiday recess, present a bill looking to this end. Of course any such movement will be met with resistance, and it is quite doubtful whether a measure of the kind could even be passed in the House. It certainly could not in the Senate.

SOMETHING MORE ABOUT THE KNOW-NOTHING MARE'S NEST.

Mr. Cowles, of the Cleveland *Leader*, was in town yesterday and to-day, and went away this evening. He was interviewed to-day concerning the secret society referred to in the James G. Foster letter to Mr. Blaine. He is reported as admitting the existence of such a society and his own connection with it. He says, however, that neither the President, Mr. Blaine, nor any others of the prominent men are connected with it. He denies that he came to Washington for the purpose of initiating Mr. Blaine or anybody else; he never initiated anyone in his life and never exchanged a word with President Grant on the subject of the secret order. In fact he has not conversed with him on any subject since May last. There is no foundation whatever for the story of Mr. Cowles going to Washington on any such mission.

A violent earthquake shock was felt in Richmond, Virginia, last night. The guests at the different hotels were so alarmed from the rocking of the buildings as to assemble in the parlor *en-deshabille*, ready to leave. The alarm was general, the shocking being felt in all parts of the city, and the citizens leaving their domiciles in fright.

A judgment of *ouster* was yesterday rendered against the Missouri State lottery, managed by Murray, Miller & Co., on suit brought by the Attorney General at the District Court of St. Louis, for usurpation of their franchise.

The population of New Jersey, according to the recent census, is 1,026,502.

OUR SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Third Day of the Association—Interesting Exercises.

The Allegheny County and City Teachers' Association met again yesterday morning, in the First ward school building, Allegheny, County Superintendent Dickson in the chair. There was a large attendance and the exercises were of an unusually interesting character.

The morning session was opened with vocal music by Prof. Byers and his class, after which Dr. French continued his instructive address on the "Organization of Schools."

Prof. Wickersham, State superintendent, was next introduced and gave a very spirited address on the importance of teachers being well trained and thoroughly qualified for their work. His address contained many valuable suggestions and received rounds of applause at its conclusion.

Prof. Shoemaker gave further instructions in elocution, treating at length on correct expression and articulation. He insisted on the importance of pure forms of expression. The speaker dwelt particularly upon the cultivation of chaste and elegante conversation in the habits of scholars. He gave a special prominence to the habit of distinct and correct articulation in the daily practice of the scholars, in all the recitations of Arithmetic and Geography as well as reading.

The exercises of the afternoon session consisted of recitations by Prof. Delano Jeffries, of the Theological Seminary, who gave Poe's "Raven" and the "American Indian, in good style; recitation "Permanent Ideas Secured," by Dr. French, and on "Penmanship," by Prof. Wm. G. Fee.

Last evening's session was largely attended, and the entertainment was excellent. After music by the Allegheny Quartette Club—and it was delightful music—Rev. Thomas C. Strong, D. D., of the Pennsylvania Female College, was introduced and delivered a most able and entertaining lecture on "The Teacher as a Moral Worker." The Doctor held the attention of the audience throughout, and at the conclusion of his lecture was warmly applauded. After readings and recitations, Prof. Gittings performed several pieces on the piano, his efforts eliciting hearty demonstrations of delight on the part of the audience. The Quartett Club again favored the audience with some of their vocal gems, after which the association adjourned till this morning.

DISTRESSING CASUALTY.

The Wife of a Prominent Merchant Killed on the Railroad.

A most heartrending accident occurred Tuesday evening at Edgeworth Station, on the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad, resulting in the death of Mrs. F. Marion Love, wife of Mr. Love, the Market street dry goods merchant. The lady, who had been in the city, passed from her home to Edgeworth on the Lestable accommodation, which arrived at Edgeworth Station about six o'clock. She was accompanied by her nephew on the train and was conversing with Mr. Henry Atwood when the train came up to the station. As it stopped the nephew got up and went out of the train. Mrs. Love followed. As it happened at the platform of the car from which she was about alight there were no brakemen or conductor, those officials being farther back on the train. The conductor seeing the lady's nephew alight, supposing he was the only passenger, started the train again. Mr. Atwood says Mrs. Love was at that moment at the door of the car and as she went on out he, divining that she was going to attempt to get off, pulled the bell-rope and then ran to the door and told her to keep back. The car did not bear him any heed, if she did thought there was no danger and started to alight, but in the attempt was precipitated so disastrously. Unlike those accustomed to alighting from moving trains she caught the back railing of the platform and also instead of leaning backward she leaned forward, consequently as soon as her feet touched the station platform she was thrown violently down and dragged in under the cars. Her remains came to a stop and Mr. Atwood pulled her out from under the car, when it was found that both legs were nearly severed, one immediately below the knee and the other at the ankle. The unfortunate lady was taken to the residence of Dr. Dickson, near the station, where everything possible was done to alleviate her sufferings and soothe her life, but after two hours or terrible agony death came to her relief.

Mrs. Love was a daughter of Mr. W. Marshrop, and was a most estimable lady. She leaves a husband and two little children to mourn her untimely death.

Justice of the Peace Rudolli, or Sewickley, by request of the Coroner, summoned a jury and will hold an inquest in the case to-day.

A Thief Beaten.

Mr. Thompson, at his toy store on Wood street, rather got the "bulge" on a thief yesterday. A young man entered the store and bought a pair of skates, the price of which was two dollars. While Mr. T. was tying up the skates he saw the young man place in his pocket a gum toy, worth a dollar. The thief gave the storekeeper a five dollar bill, for which he received only two dollars in the way of change. After sadly counting over the change the young man asked Mr. Thompson if he had any small pocket books, and was also told that he could procure a copy of the good book at a book store he took his departure.

CITY MATTERS IN BRIEF.

The condition of Mrs. Crehan, who fell over the hill above Pages's Hollow, on Saturday night, is somewhat improved.

The Butler street M. C. church authorities have ordered one hundred boxes of candy to treat the Sabbath school scholars.

Last evening a man named Coleman jumped from a moving passenger train at Woods' Run and had his nose broken.

Conger, accused of Sharpsburg, while trying to arrest a man night before last, was assaulted by roughs and severely injured.

The young man Wagner, who was run over on Penn avenue by a lumber wagon on Saturday evening, has had his wounded leg amputated, and little hopes are entertained of his recovery.

The Downer Base Ball Club will give their first annual entertainment Friday night, in Lafayette Hall. The affair is in the hands of a competent committee, and will no doubt be an interesting event.

NOTICES.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made at the present session of the Legislature of Pennsylvania to repeal an Act approved the 9th day of April, A. D. 1872, entitled "An Act to regulate the Election of School Directors in the Sub-Districts in the city of Pittsburgh."

C. A. KEHEW, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, at its session in 1876, for the passage of an act repealing the act of assembly, approved April 22, 1872, entitled "A supplement to the several acts incorporating the city of Pittsburgh, enlarging its boundaries, &c., so far as the same relates to the borough of Mount Washington and the borough of Union, in the county of Allegheny.

S. S. BOGGS,
A. P. NORTON,
J. C. SHALEE.

NOTICE—APPLICATION will be made to the Governor of this Commonwealth for a charter for the

DUQUESNE INCLINED PLANE COMPANY,

under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874.

Said corporation being formed for the purpose of carrying on the business of an Incined Plane Railway, in the carriage of passengers, freight, &c., from a point near the south end of the Point Bridge, Pittsburgh, to the top of Coal Hill.

By order of the Board.

KIRK Q. BIGHAM, Secretary.

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WANTED.

WANTED—A MAN THOROUGHLY experienced in the construction of Coke Ovens, and the manufacture of Coke, for a large Iron Works in Canada. Address, stating experience, references, and wages expected, B. M., care of WILLIAM D. MARVEL, Coal and Iron Merchant, 111 Broadway, New York.

WANTED—LADIES—A FEW INTELLIGENT Young Ladies to go to Philadelphia to solicit orders for Captain Glazier's new work, "Battles for the Union." Management entirely competent and respectable. All expenses advanced. References required. J. E. SIMMONS, 198 Second avenue.

WANTED—PUPILS—THE UNDERSIGNED, a native of Germany, having pursued a regular five years' course in several universities of his country, is desirous of obtaining pupils to be instructed in the Classical, German, French and Hebrew languages. LEWIS BOCK, 278 Market street, Allegheny. References: Rev. M. J. Seovel, 191 Penn avenue; Rev. John Landis, 278 Market street, Allegheny; Mrs. Thos. McFadden, Jr., Fifth avenue. 7:7:8

REWARD.

$20 REWARD—LOST SATURDAY morning, on Fifth avenue, between Craft avenue and Soho, Plain Gold Ring. The finder can get the above reward by leaving the same at this office.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE—DRUG AND PRESCRIPTION STORE—Doing one of the best paying businesses in the city; centrally located; profits $3,000 per annum. Reason for selling, on account of ill health. A rare chance for a bargain. Address PRESCRIPTIONS, Dispatch office.

WANTED—A PARTNER—EITHER Special or General, to invest from $15,000 to $20,000 in a manufacturing business, located near Pittsburgh. The house has been established for more than ten years, and is now doing a large and profitable trade. To one wishing to engage in the manufacturing business a more favorable opportunity could not be presented. Address MANUFACTURER, this office.

BUSINESS CHANCE—AN EXCELLENT Opportunity Offered to Enterprising Men. Private Sale of the Missouri Brass Foundry, Steam and Gas Pipe Works, of the late John Kupferle, situated at the corner of Second street and Washington avenue, in the city of St. Louis, Missouri. The above mentioned well known establishment, situated in the heart of the city, and in complete running order, and having a very extensive and valuable custom, is now, by leave of the Probate Court of St. Louis county, offered for sale upon reasonable terms. For particulars apply to JOSEPH DEGENHART and CHAS. SEITZ, Executors, No. 600 North Second street, S. Louis, Mo.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—LEATHER AND RUBBER Belting, Hose and Oils of every description, by THORP & CO., No. 124 Water street.

FOR SALE—TWELVE NEW AND Second-hand Engines, 2 Portables, 6 Second-hand Engines, 1 Thaner, 1 CARLIN, corner of Lacock and Sandusky streets, Allegheny.

FOR SALE—150 PIECES MARBLE TILE, polished ready for use. Each piece about one foot square. Price low. Can be seen at warerooms of JAS. W. DRAPE & CO., 182 Federal street, Allegheny.

FOR SALE—ENGINES AND BOILERS—New and Second-hand, of all sizes, Stationary and Portable, from 3 to 60-horse power, now on hand. JAMES HILL & CO., corner Marion avenue and P., Ft. W. and C. R. R., Allegheny, Pa.

FOR SALE—LARGE STOCK OF NEW and good SECOND HAND BOILERS in complete order. County Bridge certificate of use with each boiler. Repairing done promptly at the West Penn Boiler Works, No. 141 Water street. R. MUNROE, Successor to WATSON & MUNROE.

FOR SALE—SECOND HAND MACHINERY.—One 8 by 30 in. Engine and Boiler; one 5 H. P. Portable Engine and Boiler; two Planers and Matchers; one Daniels Planing Machine and Jointer; three Iron Lathes, 18 in. by 6 ft.; two Iron Lathes, 20 in. by 7 ft.; one 9 Ton Drop Press. All in good order. M. B. COCHRAN & CO., 121 Liberty street.

FOR SALE NO. 243 ALLEGHENY avenue, Allegheny city. The House is nearly new, has 10 Rooms, is well planned and the neighborhood first-class. The Lot is 20 feet front by 140 feet deep to paved street or alley. Will be sold low and very accommodating terms. Apply to THOS. F. STEWART, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street.

FOR SALE OR TO EXCHANGE—ONE of the finest business properties on Fifth avenue, between Smithfield and Market. Will sell at a low figure, and take in exchange a business property on Liberty street, Smithfield street or Wood street, worth say $20,000, about $23,000 cash and balance mortgage on the property, to suit buyer, with interest. Apply to THOMAS F. STEWART, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—FOR other approved city or country property, 80 Lots in the Tenth ward, Allegheny city, clear of incumbrance. Also, 250 acres of Land, one mile from railroad station, large Stone House, large Barn and other buildings. Excellent land and only 1½ hour's ride from city of Pittsburgh. Lands underlaid with good coal; well watered—fine Orchard. Parties wishing to speculate will find this a very good opportunity to place their capital where it will do the most good. Inquire of ED. WITTICH, every Tuesday morning, at No. 91 Grant street, Pittsburgh, and Beaver Falls, Pa.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—WAREHOUSE—THREE STORY Brick Warehouse, situated 347 Liberty street, lately occupied by Laing & McKaslip. For particulars apply as above.

FOR RENT—A HANDSOME BRICK Dwelling House, on Gill street, Pariors, Dining Room and Kitchen on first floor; Gas, dry Cellar 3 Bedrooms and finished Attic, Water and modern improvements. The lot extends from street to street. Will be rented reasonable. Possession give immediately. For particulars apply to WM EVANS, Commercial office

FOR RENT OR SALE—NEW TWO-STORY Frame House, with Bay Window, containing 6 Rooms, Vestibule, Water in the Kitchen; Lot 45x100, with Grapevines, &c., located on Graham street, near Penn, Thirty-fifth ward, commanding the finest view in the city. Rent moderate to a good tenant. For particulars, &c., apply to E. ABEL, Commercial office.

FOR RENT—DWELLINGS—THE Three-story Brick Dwelling House, No. 139 Center avenue, containing 9 large Rooms, with Gas and Water and good yard. House in best of order throughout. Also, No. 154 Center avenue. Also, two Dwellings on Center avenue, each of 5 Rooms, finished attic and good cellar, both in first rate order. Rent, $20 00 per month. Apply as above.

FOR RENT—WAREHOUSE—THAT new, large, commodious 3-story Warehouse, No. 125 Liberty street, perfect in every respect for a business house. Well suited and located for an Agricultural Implement House or Rectifying House. Will lease for 3 years. Possession given immediately. Rent not to commence until January 1, 1876. Apply to W. A. HERRON, Pittsburgh, Real Estate Office, 83 Wood street.

ELECTION NOTICES.

NOTICE—THERE WILL BE A meeting of the Stockholders of the FIFTH NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, on TUESDAY, the 17th day of January, next, at 11 o'clock, at the Banking House, No. 56 Sixth street, for the purpose of electing Directors of said Bank, and for the transaction of such other business as may come before said meeting.

THOS. H. ELSEY WILLIAMS, Secretary.

MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the MONONGAHELA NAVIGATION COMPANY will be held on THURSDAY, January 6, 1876, at the office of the Company, No. 94 Diamond street, Pittsburgh, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the election of officers of the Company for the ensuing year and the transaction of such business as may come before said meeting.

JNO. M. BAKEWELL, Secretary.

PEOPLE'S NATIONAL BANK—An Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at its Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.

F. M. GORDON, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 11, 1875.

IRON CITY NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH.—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.

GEO. R. DUNCAN, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 20, 1875.

GERMAN NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH, PA.—ELECTION.—The Annual Election for nine Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 2 P. M.

JOS. LAURENT, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 15, 1875.

DIAMOND NATIONAL BANK OF PITTSBURGH.—The Annual Election of Directors for this Bank will be held at the Banking House, TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 P. M.

JOHN S. SCULLY, Cashier.

December 13, 1875.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF BIRMINGHAM.—The annual Election for Seven Directors of this Bank will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, January 11th, 1876, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, P. M.

JOHN P. BEECH, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, South Side, December 11, 1875.

ELECTION.—THIRD NATIONAL BANK.—The annual election for Nine Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11th, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.

W. STEINMEYER, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 11, 1875.

ALLEGHENY NATIONAL BANK.—An Election of Directors, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.

W. McCANDLESS, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 11, 1875.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK.—ELECTION.—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, No. 83 Fourth avenue, on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M.

S. D. HERRON, Jr., Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 11, 1875.

TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK.—The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, January 11, from 11 A. M. until 1 P. M.

CYRUS CLARKE, Jr., Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 11, 1875.

PITTSBURGH NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE.—An Election for nine Directors, to serve during the ensuing year, will be held at the Bank on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.

JOSEPH B. HILL, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 11, 1875.

CITIZENS' NATIONAL BANK.—ELECTION.—The Annual Election for nine Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House on TUESDAY, January 11, 1876, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M.

R. K. WILSON, Cashier.

Pittsburgh, December 10, 1875.

Notice to Butchers and Dealers

The Commercial.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1875.

TWEED has not yet materialized. He will, however, doubtless discover himself in time to throw his personal influence into the next Presidential election.

NEW ENGLAND, comprising six of the oldest States in the Union, has not a single chairman of a House committee; but Missouri has five, Kentucky four, and Virginia three. Every Southern State, except South Carolina, has one chairman, or more; but thirteen of the Northern States are without such recognition.

THE old times have come again. The South used to rule the North, through the Democratic party, and she has now resumed that position. Of the thirty-three standing committees of the House the South gets twenty-one and the North twelve! That is the way, exactly, in which things were done before the war.

THE Prohibitionists of New Hampshire lost that State to the Republicans last year, and they seem bent on trying to accomplish the same mischievous result next year. In reality the Prohibition party of that State has no justification for existence, and the fact that it does exist is attributable mainly to the fanaticism of a score or more of broken-down preachers in different parts of the State, whose sole ambition is apparently to harass the world just as much as possible during their few remaining years.

THE covert insinuations of the *Post* that the President wants to get Secretary BRISTOW out of the Cabinet "so that BABCOCK and his accomplices may escape exposure and punishment" are contemptible beyond measure. It is naturally a humiliating experience to find so many of his intimate friends betraying a friendship of years, but bitter as the cup is we do not believe he will suffer himself to be swerved from his duty to the country by refusing to drink it. The war on the whisky thieves will be waged to the full conclusion. GRANT could not stop it if he would, nor do we believe he would if he could.

THE statement, now going the rounds of the press, to the effect that the United States Supreme Court will decide that the clause in the Wisconsin State Constitution "that gives right to the Legislature to alter and amend charters issued to corporations also contains the right to regulate the carrying rates of railroads," is to be taken *cum grano salis*. The decision of the Court will not be delivered until the latter part of January, after the argument on the Iowa cases of the same kind, now set down for the 11th of next month. It is not the custom for judges of the Supreme Court of the United States to disclose the secrets of the consultation room.

THE war of the medical "pathies" is raging with varying degrees of intensity in many parts of the country. In Iowa the people are generally revolting against submission to further taxation for the support of a medical school in the State University, which permits nothing to be taught except according to one standard, and denounces and ridicules all other systems of medical ethics. And it really would seem as though the time had passed for State Legislatures to enact laws to prescribe the precise form in which pills shall be made or the sick treated, or the kind of doctors the people shall have. There is certainly no reason or justice in taxing people to support schools of medicine which thousands will not tolerate in their families. Let them stand on their own merits, and become self-sustaining, or go down.

THE New York *Journal of Commerce* calls attention to the question involved in the recent decision of the United States Supreme Court in the case of DAVID DOWS & Co. against the National Exchange Bank of Milwaukee:

Until this decision, it is said, it has never been at least so firmly settled by the highest judicial authority in this country that, in the language of this opinion, "the owner of personal property cannot be divested of his ownership without his consent except by process of law. Money and negotiable securities are excepted from the full application of this rule. A person in possession of personal property—unless, of course, by some special statutory power such as the Factor's act confers—cannot give a purchaser a better title than he himself has; a bailee, for example, professing to be the owner of the property bailed, and transferring it to a *bona fide* purchaser without notice of the value, cannot divest the title of the bailor, and the latter may recover his property wherever found."

MORRISON, the new Democratic leader of the House, served in Congress from 1863 to 1867, and was then left at home until 1872. He made no mark as a member during those four years, and he made none in the last Congress. With six years' experience he is still an unknown man. The New York *Herald* says of him:

Mr. Morrison's figure on the floor in the last Congress was on a par with his insignificant place on one of the minor committees. It is, therefore, a matter of wonder that he has so unexpectedly risen to the leadership of the House, or rather to a position to which that honor has been heretofore attached. Will the country accept as its leader a man who has never yet been able to command its attention? If he has any qualifications for the Chairmanship of Ways and Means the public does not know how he has acquired them. He has never served on that committee nor any committee charged with the examination of similar subjects. This appointment is, as yet, an unsolved riddle, the public having no other evidence of his abilities than the encomiums of people who have discovered that he is a profound financier within the last three days.

AS SHOWN by the steadily augumenting ratio of the number of insane persons to the total population of the various States in which censuses have been taken this year, insanity is widely on the increase, and it is greater among women than among men. This ominous increase is doubtless chiefly attributable to the "fast" habits of the age and the severe excitements inseparable from our present methods of business. Men are cultivating insanity by a process which is as certain as the result of a calculation, while the reason why women are more liable than men to mental disease is probably accounted for by the higher excitability of the former. The rule is almost uniform, although there is one striking exception. The District of Columbia has 7,316 women, but the number of male lunatics shows an excess in the proportion of 143 to 94. Possibly the concentration of national politics in that spot may afford an explanation. After all, it is a very narrow line which separates the sound from the disordered intellect, and it is said that, at least once every man is crazy on some point, and that the more active his mind the greater is the risk, since even the very acuteness of an intellect may suggest a danger of turning its edge.

IT IS next to impossible to keep up with the new and wonderful "scientific discoveries" that are every day being made. Professor PROCTOR, the astronomer, in his last lecture in New York, the other day, told of a certain German savant who had computed that the cooling process of the earth alone had required a period of time exceeding 320,000,000 of years. And the Professor thinks that the epoch during which it was "struggling" with its glowing gaseous sac was "still more tremendous." From what data did the German savant reckon in order to make that wonderful computation that it had taken the earth 320,000,000 years to arrive at its present degree of coldness after it first began to grow cold? And if nebulous matter is eternal, and if the earth had been in that hot condition from a past eternity before it began suddenly to grow cool, why does not PROCTOR tell what caused the change, and why it began to grow cool at all, after having been hot so long? Moreover, if heat is a natural property of all matter, like gravity, could it part with that property after having retained it from a past eternity, and begin to cool, as he says it is now doing all the time? There is a vast amount of conjecture, hypothesis and speculation passing now-a-days for "philosophy" and "science."

A NEW YORK exchange, in its issue of Tuesday, relates a story of one of the three murderers who were hanged in that city a few days ago, which furnishes food for profound reflection. As he was being led from his cell to the scaffold he said: "If I had received one half of the kindness earlier in life which I have received here, I would not have been here." A more bitter rebuke to the Christian world than this seems hardly possible. Himself, and fellow criminals, were representatives of a large class. Yet they lived unthought of and uncared for by the Christian world. Not until they were sentenced to be hanged were the good offices of the Christian Church extended to them with any special warmth or eagerness of interest. If the same degree of humane solicitude which the clergymen and Christian Association members who crowded the cells of those doomed men, after conviction, had been manifested before their fall into evil ways, the end might have been very different. Why is there not as earnest a sentiment respecting the prevention of crime as there seems to be with regard to the spiritual rescue of the doomed criminal? Whether a more stringent criminal code is needed, or not, the need of a revival of attention to the whole subject of crime, its causes, its prevention, its discipline, is certain. The grandest system of discipline, can stand only when supported by public opinion. What is required is that the people should do their whole duty, and that the church and Christian associations be as earnest to save men from crime as from falling into the abyss.

NATIONAL ECONOMY.

We hope, when the proposition comes up in the House of Representatives, as it undoubtedly will, to reduce the army from 25,000 to 15,000 men and to bring the navy into smaller compass, that the Republicans in Congress will not stultify themselves and embarrass their party by opposing it. The change is, nominally at least, in the direction of economy, and should be met by the Republican members with a determination to make the economy actual and sure.

We know of no good reason for keeping a standing army of 25,000 men. The President is not disposed, even if he could, to use the army in the Southern States, and Congress would not let him, if he would. The other uses to which an army can be put can be as well served by an aggregate of 15,000 men as by the present aggregate; and the country may as well save the cost of keeping the difference. For one, we do not care how soon the army is cut down to the lowest available point.

But do not let the reduction stop at a curtailment of the number of enlisted men. Let the number of officers, also, be reduced in the proper ratio. The army is the loafing place of hundreds of idle and unemployed officers, who are wasting their lives in the vain endeavor to live within their salaries. It would be a mercy to them to drive them into more active pursuits.

As to the navy, it costs a great deal more than it comes to. We could, without compunction, see it dwindle to the smallest possible span. The millions we annually waste upon it, without result, would, in the course of years, extinguish the national debt. It is, perhaps, a brilliant ornament to the country, but just now the useful is of much more importance than the ornamental.

As a matter of course, the reductions here proposed will be met with a tremendous howl of indignation from those interested. The clerks in the War and Navy Departments, and all the hangers-on of both, will be able to demonstrate that the country cannot get along without these costly appendages; but they were able to do the same when both army and navy were larger than now; and as the country has got along with a partial reduction, and flourished very well before the increase was made, we incline to believe that Congress should shut its ears to the interested arguments of this class of button-hole orators, and try the experiment of getting back absolutely to our ante-war condition.

But economy must not stop here. We can save twenty millions a year easily enough, by cutting down the army and navy to the simple necessities of a peace establishment; and when that is accomplished, the experiment can be tried of cutting down the enormous civil force employed in the departments at Washington city. During the war, the clerical force in each was necessarily increased, and largely so, but there is no necessity, now, for maintaining that increase. A great deal has already been done by a Republican Congress to reduce the clerical force of the departments, but a great deal yet remains to be done. Each reduction has been met by loud lamentations and a persistent opposition by the parties interested in preventing it; but the result of each reduction has shown that the only mistake made was in not making the reduction large enough. We cannot bring ourselves to comprehend the necessity for maintaining a small army of clerks in each of the departments. The force in the departments, combined, constitutes a standing army more expensive than the regular army and well nigh as useless. Cut them both down, fearlessly and regardless of lamentations at Washington or elsewhere.

We need scarcely remind the Republican members of Congress that the first step toward national prosperity is national economy. Let them not stand in the way by opposing a speedy and effective attainment of that economy. They will hurt themselves by it if they do, and put their party in the wrong. It is hard to kick against the prices, and they will show their wisdom by abstaining from such recalcitrant folly. If the Democrats in Congress are in earnest in proposing economical steps, meet them *more* than half way, and show them that the Republican party is not friendly to extravagance, no matter what shape it may assume.

PERSONAL.

The late Horace Binney's personal property, exclusive of real estate, has been appraised by the Register of Wills at Philadelphia at $520,122.

The question of the right of Mongolians to become citizens of the United States is about to be tested in a legal manner, Chock Wong, one of the proprietors of a Chinese newspaper in San Francisco, having last week declared his intention of taking out naturalization papers in the United States District Court.

Moncure D. Conway has been asked to address the literary societies of Dickinson College, Carlisle, in this State, from which he was graduated. Dickinson College is a Methodist Episcopal institution, and Mr. Conway is greatly pleased that his *alma mater* should have so far overlooked the heresies of her son.

What frugal and methodical wives those daughters of Queen Victoria do make. The Princess Louise, in distributing prizes at a girls' high school recently, offered additional prizes for English composition and for "keeping accounts, as she considered that every woman should be able to keep her household accounts correctly, and write a good business letter."

A novel crusade was inaugurated by the ladies of East Hampton, Massachusetts, last Saturday. The public having become greatly indignant because the snow was not removed from the walks in front of the seminary, sixteen ladies assembled, shovel in hand, and, while professor and students looked on in amazement, proceeded to clear the walks. The work done, they received three cheers from the citizens, and we suspect the seminary authorities felt cheaply.

Not so far wrong, perhaps. A few nights ago, at an hour when the Chicago Union Depot was filled with incoming and outgoing trains, a little four-year-old girl was waiting there with her mother for the arrival of an expected friend. The little one noticed the shrieking locomotives, with their flashing head-lights, accompanied by the ceaseless rumbling of trains, and, observing the general diabolical appearance of the place, not unnaturally asked her mother, as she nestled close to her skirt, "Is this hell, mamma?"

Henry Porter, who was the color-bearer of the Nineteenth Illinois Regiment during the civil war, and one of the most conspicuous but heroic characters of the great conflict, died on the 19th of last October, at Rugby, England. He was taken prisoner before Atlanta by the forces of General Hood, but concealed his colors about his person, and, after a prolonged confinement at Andersonville, returned them to his regiment. His sufferings during his imprisonment shattered his constitution, and finally led to his death.

"No Better Paper in the State."

[From the Reading Times and Dispatch.]

We are in receipt of the yearly business announcement of the Pittsburgh COMMERCIAL, whereby we are reminded that, in addition to its already numerous and well-edited departments, it is proposed to add "graphic reports of our great Centennial Exposition" during the progress of that monster exhibition. There is no better paper in the State than the COMMERCIAL. In respect to its digest of State news, it presents an example worthy of imitation by the papers of our large cities, while in its crisp editorial paragraphs it reminds one of the palmy days of the Louisville *Journal*, when that prince among wits, George D. Prentice, had charge of the paper.

The resolution of the last Congress instructing the heads of departments to distribute the patronage of the departments as evenly as possible among the several States of the Union, will go into effect on the 1st of January.

Not so bad off, after all. While in the North investments in cotton spinning mills yield an average of 17-98 per cent., the Southern mills pay an average of 24.16 per cent., or over six per cent. more than the former.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF MRS. FLETCHER. With Letters and Other Family Memorials. Edited by the Survivor of her Family. Published by Roberts Brothers, Boston. For sale by J. R. Weldin & Co., Pittsburgh.

In this autobiography we have sketched a long life career, more remarkable for its friendships than for its achievements. It is, however, a beautiful picture of a happy life, almost as serene as a mirror reflecting the events of life, and yet unmoved. It is rarely that life presents a character so sweet and lovely, and yet the minute details of domestic and social life would become tiresome were it not for the delightful *tete-a-tetes* with distinguished literary characters. Her life from 1770 to 1858, eighty-eight years, made her contemporary with celebrities of different generations. Her extensive acquaintance with literary characters brought her also into political associations. Her father was a wealthy English gentleman, of high social position. She married Mr. Fletcher, a Scotch lawyer of great ability, without wealth, when she was about twenty-one years of age, while he had turned forty. Most of her life was spent in Scotland, where she exercised great influence over a wide field. The autobiography is a delightful study of a happy and pure life. The portraits, one taken when she was fifteen and the other at eighty years of age, are striking, and both reveal the elements of a marked character.

ROCKS AHEAD; or, The Warning of Cassandra. By W. R. Greg, Author of "Enigmas of Life," etc. Published by James R. Osgood & Co., Boston. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

No doubt the title expresses the views of the author, as to the "Rocks Ahead," yet after all the dangers presented may be more in theory than in fact. These thoughtful papers, which originally appeared in the *Contemporary Review*, are the product of a highly cultivated mind, and should command respect, even from those who may dissent from his views. The three chief papers are: First, lamenting that in England the lower classes are going lower in politics; the second that British manufactures must decline, and the third that all British brains are outside of Christianity. Some will be presumptuous enough to think that his method of avoiding the "Religious Rock" is the most likely way to dash against it and sink to the bottom. The appendix contains brief essays on "The Mistake of Honest Democrats;" "Unionists Restrictions on Labor;" "Three Men and Three Eras," and "United States in Recent Years." Anything from the pen of this gifted writer is worth reading, and this volume is likely to have many readers and provoke diverse criticisms.

NEW SCHOOL REMEDIES, and their Application to the Cure of Diseases, including those of Women, Children and Surgery. Designed for Physicians, Surgeons, Students of Medicine and Families. By W. Paine, A. M., M. D. Published by Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, Philadelphia. For sale by Dr. W. Paine, 232 North Ninth Street, Philadelphia.

A work of this character, by one so able and skillful as Dr. Paine, which assails well and long-established medical systems, must produce a profound impression in medical circles. Long a professor in first-class medical colleges, member of several leading institutions consecrated to the science of medicine, author of numerous professional works on the subject, and an editor versed in editorial practices, the doctor is therefore no novice, and the principles he assumes and errors he assails in other systems of medicine, are such as challenge his assailants and to require of them a defense. The remedies, and many of the principles of practice, are new and novel to the profession, and the author has therefore exercised much care in preparing the work. We have not only a full account of the New School remedies, and its system of practice of medicine, surgery, and diseases, but also the system of the Old School, Homœpaths and Hydropaths. It is a work that no family need fear to have, whatever their preference may be, and it is written in such plain language, that every person can understand it. Candid readers will do well to get the book, read and "inwardly digest" its contents.

PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF CONSTABLE AND OTHERS. Edited by R. H. Stoddard. Published by Scribner, Armstrong & Co., New York. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

The history of these distinguished persons may be summed up as follows: Constable became an apprentice in Edinburgh in 1785; founded the *Edinburgh Review* in 1812; was Walter Scott's publisher and died in 1827. Gillies was a Scotchman, became a lawyer, was helped by Scott and founded a journal of foreign literature in London. The chief elements of Constable's character are drawn from "Archibald Constable and his Literary Correspondence," and of the latter from the "Memoirs of a Literary Veteran," by Gillies. This book belongs to the "Bric-a-Brac" series, and shows the elegant scholarship and good taste of Mr. Stoddard, so prominent a feature in the preceding works.

BROUGHT HOME. By Hesba Stretton, Author of "Jessie's First Prayer," etc. Published by Dodd & Mead, New York. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

In this small and attractive quarto we have a delightfully told story of a young rector's wife who, from the use of liquor prescribed by a physician, had become intemperate. Through the loving patience and care of her husband, and removal from temptation, by the grace of God, she was restored and returned to adorn Upton rectory. It is a story calculated to do good, and ought to be widely read.

THE PARRICIDE; or, The Youth's Career in Crime. By G. W. M. Reynolds. Published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia. For sale by J. R. Weldin & Co., Pittsburgh. Paper covers.

This belongs to the series of glowing novels of the Reynolds school of writers. It is full of startling incidents, and keeps the reader upon the *qui vive* to learn the denouement.

THE OPERA DANCER; or, The Mysteries of Female Life in London. By G. W. M. Reynolds. Published by Petersons. For sale by Weldin. Paper covers.

The author in his usual vivid style describes the Mysteries of Female Life in London, before and behind the scenes, as well as in the parks and in the streets, with night adventures in the vaults, and in London underground, until revenge and retribution come, and the final denouement of the story takes place.

CIPRINA; or, The Secrets of a Picture Gallery. By G. W. M. Reynolds. Published by Petersons, Philadelphia. For sale by Weldin, Pittsburgh. Paper covers.

This is a novel, highly wrought, and gives some descriptions of character which are of the most fascinating type.

THE WAGES OF SIN. By Edmund Yates. Published by W. F. Gill & Co., Boston. For sale by T. B. Davis & Co., City.

This is a story of exciting interest, and belongs to the large class representing unrequited love. The heroine is strongly outlined. The author has the reputation of being a fine novelist.

JANUARY MAGAZINES.

THE GALAXY.

With the January number the *Galaxy* enters on its twenty-first volume. The marked success which it has attained in its eleven years of existence proves pretty clearly that a high-toned literary magazine will be generously supported. For the year 1876 it expects to make a great advance. At no time during its existence has the *Galaxy* been surrounded with so strong a staff of elegant and brilliant writers. Every department will be maintained at even a higher standard than heretofore. A new serial story will be commenced in the January number of the *Galaxy*, by Wm. Black, author of "A Princess of Thule," "Strange Adventures of a Phaeton," etc., etc. Wm. Black is now one of the most brilliant novelists of the day. Miss Annie T. Howells, sister of W. D. Howells, the delightful essayist and novelist, has just commenced a serial story for the *Galaxy*. Miss Howells has written several short stories full of promise, and giving evidence of a delightful fancy and graceful style. This is her first novel, and will justify the high expectations which are entertained of it. Henry James, Jr., Albert Rhodes, Richard Grant White and Professor Thomas H. Rogers will contribute to the *Galaxy*. General George A. Custer, the brilliant cavalry officer, will also contribute a series of sketches, giving some of his most exciting and interesting adventures in army life. General Custer handles his pen as well as his sword, and is sure to furnish a most charming series of papers.

WIDE AWAKE.

The January issue of *Wide Awake* begins the second volume. Its table of contents embraces a large number of articles appropriate for the holiday season, all of them well written and most of them elegantly illustrated. During its brief life *Wide Awake* has gained a large circulation, and holds its place among the most popular publications for the young. Some of its features are notably excellent, and none of them commonplace or trashy. During the year just commenced it will be greatly improved and become still more worthy of liberal support. D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, are the publishers. Terms, $2 per year.

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GENERAL AND PARTICULAR.

The Christmas benediction of the poor will sweeten the whole twelvemonth.

Some of the "antiques" displayed at the Centennial parties now in vogue are pronounced "horrible."

Venus is very beautiful in the nights of these days. It is the business of Venus to be beautiful, however.

The Christmas tide will be made a blessing all around, if the little ones everywhere are duly remembered.

Professor Goldwin Smith contradicts the report that he has purchased the Toronto *Mail*. He has simply married.

From the frying pan into the fire. A company has been formed in London to send Irish emigrants to Mexico.

The Government has in its service 10,137 horses, 9,739 mules and fifty-one oxen, besides a few thirdtermagant asses.

On the New York Court of Appeals docket appears the case of Brick versus Brick. It is to be heavily pressed.

Olive Logan is now lecturing on "Butter," but her efforts don't seem to churn out much monetary cream return.

Five hundred tons of silver ore a day are being hoisted through the shaft of the Consolidated Virginia Mining Company.

The California Legislature is in session, and there are now on the way to San Francisco, by sea, 4,381 barrels of whisky.

Another centennial drama bearing the title of "Washington" is announced as in preparation by a member of the New York bar.

A New York man, under sentence of death for killing his sweetheart, has been declared insane. Suppose he had married her?

A South Carolina paper is conducting a vigorous crusade against life insurance, which it stigmatizes as gambling against God.

Not big enough game. The Postmaster General will not permit the use of his name as a candidate for Governor of Connecticut.

It looks as though Governor Chamberlain were coddling the Democratic element of South Carolina in order to secure a second term.

Carl Schurz, W. M. Grosvenor and David A. Wells have purchased the New York *Financier*, and changed its name to the *Public*.

A shocking suggestion. They propose now to abolish the system of hanging and commence to judicially kill men by electric agencies.

Good. It is proposed hereafter to prohibit the incorporation of any matter in the appropriation bill which is not properly a part thereof.

Miss Phebe Couzins, of St. Louis, wants all her girl cousins who feel like it, to step forward and with her become successful, orderly and tidy lawyers.

Outrages and murders on the streets of Puritan Boston are getting to be so numerous and bold, that a Vigilance Committee is beginning to be talked of.

A Boston bigamist has been "let off" on condition that he will return to his first wife. He will thus get his punishment without expense to the State.

The New York canal tolls for the last season amounted to only $1,883,908 90. This is the smallest amount of receipts since 1838, which seems to indicate progress backwards.

The latest investigations show that the United States contain 11,333 blind men and 8,977 blind women—in all 20,320; a population greater than that of most of our inland towns.

The suit of a son of Judge Swayne, of the Supreme Court of the United States, against a daughter of Judge David Davis, of the same tribunal, was amicably settled by marriage yesterday.

A white day. Notwithstanding London's three millions of population, the entire twenty-four hours of November 22 passed without the commission, or at least the detection, of a single crime.

Farmer revenge. It is now seriously proposed to utilize Prof. Darwin's demonstration regarding insectivorous plants, and set the hungry vegetation at work upon the pests that destroys crops and make life unpleasant.

The Canadian Pacific Railroad is to be abandoned, and a proposal for an indefinite postponement of construction has been made to British Columbia, that province to accept a bonus of $750,000 and agree to the work being stopped.

The President of Harvard College wants nineteen-twentieths of "the so-called colleges and universities" turned into secondary or training schools, as he believes they would be much more useful than what he terms "lame colleges."

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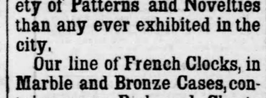

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FINANCE AND TRADE.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, Dec. 22, 1875.

The proposition has been made that all railways whose securities are dealt in upon the Stock Exchange at New York should be required to furnish, for the benefit of the members of that organization, regular sworn statements of their financial condition. A very pertinent suggestion is made by the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* in that connection, to the effect that it is the general public who are interested in that matter and that the proper plan is to require regular statements for general publication. If the earnings of all the roads whose stocks are dealt in at the Exchange were published from month to month and from week to week, and if the annual reports were verified and certified to by a proper committee, the value of such stock would depend not on the chances of two or three operators "milking the street," but on the present condition and future prospects of the property. If the element of total ignorance were removed, and if the light of publicity were kept constantly thrown on the operations of the stock companies, the business of the Stock Exchange would show a revival which might be slow, but which would be very valuable, because it would be healthy and permanent.

It is also quite true, as the same journal remarks, that an additional reason why every one should desire to see such publicity given to the statistics of railroad traffic as is furnished in England by the Railway Clearing House in London, and that is that the railroad is to-day the most accurate and trustworthy gauge we have of the general condition and gradual changes of business. Other tests are merely partial; one industry may prosper while another suffers; but the averages furnished by the total railway earnings gives subject to certain limitations an exact standard by which to measure business activity. It is to be hoped that the suggestion will receive consideration. If at this time the Stock Exchange would make use of the power which it undoubtedly possesses and give to the public the information it needs, it would not only do its share toward re-establishing its own fallen business, but would help to bring about that revival of confidence, which is one of the first signs and conditions of returning prosperity.

—We learn from yesterday's New York *Bulletin* that Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. have been forced into bankruptcy. Messrs. Baring Brothers & Co., the English bankers, and more than two hundred other creditors of Duncan, Sherman and Co., representing upward of $2,000,000, petitioned on Saturday to have the firm adjudged bankrupts, on the ground that they had suspended payment of their commercial paper for forty days and had failed for the same length of time to pay a depositor on demand. There being no question about the facts, the judge granted the application at once and referred the matter to the Register in Bankruptcy, before whom the creditors will choose one or more assignees in February. The *Bulletin* says: "The object of the proceedings, we understand, is to restrain a large number of suits that have been instituted against the suspended firm and its partners, which have unfavorably affected the settlement of the estate. The effect of this adjudication in bankruptcy will be to leave the property of the bankrupts in the hands of ex-Judge Shipman, the present assignee, for the benefit of the creditors."

—A Toledo dispatch gives the following details of the decree of foreclosure and sale entered in the case of the Metropolitan National Bank *et al.* against the Toledo, Wabash and Western Railway Company:

"The decree provides for the sale of the entire road from Toledo to the several termini on the Mississippi river, with all equipments, franchises and other property of every kind whatever. The sale is made under the last, or 'gold bond' mortgage, the only one which covers all the property above described. The purchaser takes the property free of mortgage, but subject to all mortgages with their interest, accrued and maturing, and outstanding indebtedness for labor and supplies not yet discharged by the company. The sale is made dependent as to time upon the entering in Indiana and in Illinois of concurrent decrees of sale, property beyond the limits of the State being otherwise subject to the power of the court. The minimum price at which the property can be sold is fixed at $1,000,000, in addition to the assumption by the buyer of earlier liens."

—The Cincinnati *Enquirer* of a recent date furnishes the following account of the effect of packing operations on the money market there:

Our money market yesterday was closer than it has been before this season, and in fact there is greater stringency than has existed since the prevalence of the panic of 1873. The cause of this is somewhat peculiar and natural. We have already packed in this city about 350,000 head of hogs, which have cost an average of $20 per head, making the amount of $7,000,000. We have received of hog product since the beginning of the packing season nearly as much as we have sold and shipped out, so that we have stock on hand equivalent to the amount of money invested. That $6,000,000 has nearly all been sent to the country, and as yet there is no return of it in active movement. The result is that the banks have been called upon to discount paper until they have cried halt, and the product must be sold, or a stringent money market will prevail during the remainder of the packing season.

—We give the following particulars received by telegraph to-day concerning the two latest bank suspensions:

CHICAGO, December 22.—The statement of the directors of the Commercial Loan Company that the assets of the concern would more than cover the liabilities does not seem to be accurate. The assets, which will be available sooner or later, are about $100,000. There is some $100,000 owing to the company which cannot be collected. The liabilities are about as stated yesterday, though the assignee has as yet made no statement. It is believed about eighty cents on the dollar will be paid or time is given. The company did a large savings deposit business and its suspension falls heavily on some poor people.

WESTCHESTER, PA., December 22.—The Bank of Brandywine has the following notice posted on its door: "The bank, finding itself unable to meet the continuous drains upon its deposits, and feeling it to be unjust to allow depositors living in town chances of preference over those at a distance, has decided not to open its doors this morning, but to entirely suspend the depositors need feel no uneasiness, as the assets of the bank are unquestionably able to pay them in full at an early day." Crowds are around the bank, and much excitement exists.

—The following table shows the prices of gold, Government bonds, railway stocks, etc., at the various sessions of the New York Stock Exchange during the day, furnished by the Fifth National Bank, No. 16 Sixth street:

December 22, 1875.	10:30	11:30	12:30	1:45	2:40	3:19
	A. M.	A. M.	M. P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Gold	113¼	113¼	113⅛	113⅛	113⅛	113⅝
U. S. 6s, 1881, coup	124¼	124¼	....	....	....	....
5-20's, 1865	113⅛	113⅛	....	....	....	....
5-20's, 1865, registered	112	112	....	....	....	....
5-20's, 1867, registered	117¼	117	....	....	....	....
5-20's, 1867	122	122¼	....	....	....	....
5-20's, 1868	117	117	....	....	....	....
10-40's, coupons	117¼	117¼	....	....	....	....
Currency 6's	122	122	....	....	....	....
New 5 per cents	113	113	....	....	....	....
Western Union Tel	73⅛	73⅝	73¼	73¼	72¾	72⅝
Quicksilver	....	....	25	25	....	....
Pacific Mail	38⅜	39	38⅝	38⅜	38⅜	38⅜
Panama	....	....	....	....	....	....
Adams Express	....	....	....	....	102½	....
Wells-Fargo Ex	....	....	....	....	....	....
American Express	....	....	....	....	....	....
United States Express	....	....	....	....	....	....
New York Central	104	104⅛	104¼	104¼	....	103⅞
Erie	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	15⅞	....	....
Michigan Central	93	93	93	93	....	....
Michigan Southern	78¾	78¾	78¾	78¾	78¾	78¾
Illinois Central	....	....	98	98	....	....
Cleve., & Pittsburgh	....	....	93	93	....	....
Chicago & Northw'n	....	....	....	....	....	....
Do preferred	....	....	84½	....	....	84¾
Rock Island	94½	94½	94½	94½	....	94¾
St. Paul, common	33¾	33¾	33¾	33¾	....	34¼
Do preferred	64¾	64¾	65	65¼	65¾	64¾
Fort Wayne	....	....	102	102	....	....
Ohio & Mississippi	16⅜	16⅜	16	15⅞	16	16
Union Pacific	....	....	....	....	....	....
Harlem	....	....	....	....	129½	129¾
Marshall & St. Joe	....	....	39	39	....	39¼
Atlantic & P., pref'd	....	....	....	....	....	....
Iron Mountain	23	....	....	....	....	....
C., C. & I. C	....	....	....	....	43	43
Missouri Pacific	....	....	....	....	....	....

—The following is the report of the prices of leading stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board, as received by wire at noon to-day:

Stocks.	Bid.	Asked.	Sales.
Pennsylvania Central	....	....	51¼
Reading	55	55¼	....
United Co's of N. J	123	....	....
Oil Creek	10½	10¾	....
Lehigh Valley	61¾	62	....
Allegheny Valley	93	95	....
Central Transp'n Co	46	46¼	....
Empire Transportation	45	....	....
P. C. & St. L. in. b	78½	79¼	....

*Ex div.

[By Associated Press.]
Gold Closes at 113⅞.

MONEY.

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Chicago & Northw'n	....	....	....	....	....	....
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Do preferred	64¾	64¾	65	65¼	65¾	64¾
Fort Wayne	....	....	102	102	....	....
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Union Pacific	....	....	....	....	....	....
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GOVERNMENTS.

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5-20's, 1868	122¼		

STATE BONDS.

Tennessee, old	40¾	Virginia, old	37
Tennessee, new	38	Missouri 6's	103¾
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Reading	55	55¼	....
United Co's of N. J	123	....	....
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PROVISIONS—Dressed hogs dull and shade lower at $7 75@7 90. Pork unsettled but generally higher, opening active but closing dull; $19 15@19 17½ spot; $19 40@19 42½ February; $19 45 December; $19 60 bid January; $19 80@19 82½ March. Lard steady and in fair demand; 12 25@ spot; 12¾ January; 12 40@12 42½c February. Bulk meats steady and in fair demand. Bacon—Only an inquiry. Hams—Choice sugar-cured 15c; medium sides 9¾; shoulders 7¾. Whisky in good demand, closing very strong at $1 11.

Louisville.

LOUISVILLE, December 22.—Cotton quiet but steady at 12¼@12⅝c. Flour quiet and unchanged; the holders are for sellers. Wheat unchanged at $1 05@1 10. Corn quiet and firm at 45@46c. Oats steady and unchanged at 28@29c. Rye quiet and unchanged at 78@80c. Barley quiet but steady at $1 50@1 60. Provisions dull and quiet but unchanged. Mess pork, $19 50. Bacon—Clear rib sides 13c. Lard—Tierce 14½@14⅝c. Bagging unchanged. Whisky quiet at $1 11.

Boston.

BOSTON, December 22.—Flour quiet; Western $4 25@5 25; Minnesota do $5 25@6 00; winter wheat Ohio, Indiana and Michigan $6 00@7 25; spring wheat do $5 50@6 00; Minnesota $6 00@7 00; winter wheat Ohio, Indiana and Michigan $6 00@7 25; spring wheat do $5 50@6 00; Minnesota $7 25@8 25. Corn firm; new mixed and yellow 67@70c; old scarce and nominally 75@80c. Oats firm; mixed and white 45@46c; rejected 41@44c.

Toledo.

TOLEDO, December 22.—Flour quiet and unchanged. Wheat dull; No. 1 white Michigan $1 27; extra do $1 34½; amber Michigan $1 19; red winter $1 27; No. 2 do $1 25; No. 3 do $1 19 bid; No. 2 amber $1 13. Corn dull; high mixed 38c; no new spot, 46c; low mixed 34½c; new 40c; no grade new, 44@c; damaged, new, 42c. Oats dull; No. 2, 30c.

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Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, December 22.—Flour quiet and nominal. Wheat weak; No. 1 Milwaukee $1 02½; do hard $1 11; No. 2, 95c; No. 3, 82c. Corn steady; No. 2, 35c. Oats dull and heavy; No. 2, 22c. Barley dull and demoralized; No. 2 spring $1 05. Rye quiet but firm; No. 1, 72c.

Memphis.

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Wool.

Boston.

BOSTON, December 22.—Wool—There is no material change in prices; holders being confident that during the present figures will be sustained are not disposed to make any concessions. The stock of all kinds is believed small for the season. Sales of extra and double extra Ohio and Pennsylvania fleeces at 46@48c; Michigan and Western fleeces, extra and medium, 44@45c; combing and delaine fleeces 30@35c for washed; 25@28c for unwashed. Pulled wools are in demand at 50@55c for super and 60@65c for choice. Eastern superfine at higher prices.

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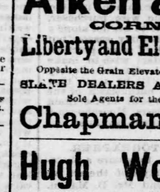
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Local Observations.

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER, U. S. SIG. SERV. Room 23, First National Bank: PITTSBURGH, PA., December 22, 1875.

Time.	Bar.	Th'r.	Hum.	WIND. Dir.	Force.	Weath.
7 A. M.	30.329	30	93	W.	Fresh.	Cloudy
2 P. M.	29.378	57	69	W.	Fresh.	Fair.
9 P. M.	29.351	52	79	S. W.	Fresh.	Clear.

Mean barometer.29.309 Highest thermom....59
Mean thermom.... 48 Lowest thermom....44
Rainfall..... .17

Amputation.

At Brownsville last Tuesday, Dr. Isaac Jackson, assisted by Drs. Duncan, Trunxall and Shoemaker, amputated the limb of Mrs. Louis Leclere above the knee. The operation was necessitated by gangrene of the foot.

Park's Pardoned.

Yesterday morning Xingo Parks and the three others, who were convicted of conspiracy, in connection with the Courtield coal riots, and sentenced to the Penitentiary, were released from that institution, pardons having been received from Harrisburg. They were free men in five minutes after the pardon papers were received at the Penitentiary.

Meeting of the Coal Exchange.

The Coal Exchange will meet this afternoon, when the committee appointed at a recent meeting of the Coal Exchange, to prepare a full exhibit of the plans proposed for the improvement of the Ohio river by locks and dams, will make a report. A large attendance is earnestly requested, so that the important matters involved may be fully and freely discussed by both the advocates and opponents of the improvement.

Superintendent of the Water Works.

This position is one of great importance to all citizens, requiring skill as a mechanic and good judgment, with careful management. All these qualities are possessed by Mr. James Boyd, who is an aspirant for the position, and we can confidently recommend him to councilmen of 1876 as one entirely competent for the work. Mr. Boyd is, besides, very gentlemanly in his department, and a member of councils, has always been faithful to the people. He is an ardent Republican, and worthy of the place he seeks.

Retrenchment and Reform.

The Committee on Retrenchment and Reform met yesterday afternoon, present Messrs. Glass, Shipton and Powers. They decided to recommend the Fire Department and the assistant controller's ordinances to the Select branch. They will also recommend that the title "assistant controller" be abolished, "chief clerk" to be inserted in its stead. The committee will present an ordinance providing for but two wood and bark measurers. In Select branch to-day Mr. Shipton will present these matters, and will also call up the police ordinance.

The High School Lectures.

Professor L. H. Durling will deliver the fourth of the series of scientific lectures of the High School course this evening at the hall of the institution. This will be the first of two lectures on "The Foundation Stones of Chemical Physics," and we are sure they will prove highly instructive and entertaining. Mr. Durling is Professor of Natural Sciences in the High School and is well qualified to entertain and instruct. We hope there will be a good attendance. The admission is put twenty-five cents, and the proceeds will be expended in providing apparatus for the schools.

Masonic Elections.

At a meeting of Minnor Lodge, No. 287, A. Y. M., held at the Hall, Fifth avenue, Tuesday night, the following named were elected officers: W. M., Philip L. Ferry; S. W., A. D. Armstrong; J. W., W. L. Wallace; Treasurer, Jas. Hannegan; Secretary, C. Shidle; Trustee to M. C. F., James Herdman.

At an election held by Braddock Fields Lodge, A. Y. M., the following officers were elected to serve during the ensuing year: Wm. H. Lucas, W.; George N. Reily, S. W.; Wm. Foster Hope, J. W.; Christopher Columbus Fawcett, Treasurer; Thomas Jefferson Dowler, Secretary.

Blindness from Glaucoma.

Mr. P. S. Lusber, of Rockland, Venango county, Pa., on whom Dr. Sadler, No. 256 Penn avenue, performed the operation on Tuesday for iridectomy, or "artificial pupil," (demonstrated by Von Graefe, the great German oculist, to be the best and only means promising relief in glaucoma,) has the chronic stage of the disease, the nerve of the right eye being entirely atrophied in the central part, and the left partially so. It is hoped, though not very certain, to arrest the progress of the disease and save sufficient sight to walk about. The pain has almost entirely subsided since being under Dr. Sadler's care, and he thinks the sight improved quite perceptibly.

Allegheny Poor.

Secretary McGonnigle, of the Allegheny Poor Board, had a consultation yesterday with the officers of the Ladies' Relief Society, relative to the action taken at the meeting of citizens Tuesday evening, to make provisions for relieving the destitute. They sanctioned everything that was done with the exception of the suggestion to employ collectors. They are of opinion that a larger amount would be prescribed if the benevolent citizens would only take the matter in hands themselves. Any one having anything to donate to this charitable object of assisting the needy, in the shape of provisions, clothing, etc., can leave them at the Diamond market house, in care of Mr. George B. McNulty, the Weighmaster.

Hotel Robbery.

John McGovern visited the Mayor's office yesterday morning and stated that he had been robbed the night previous by a room mate. He had invited a friend to room with him at the St. Nicholas Hotel. In the morning Mr. McGovern was astonished to find his companion missing, and the door of the room open, but he was still further surprised to find, upon examination of his clothes, that his gold watch and chain were also gone, as well as about one hundred and eighty dollars in money—in all he had with him. He at once informed the hotel keeper of his loss, but the night clerk could not know what time the "friend" had departed. Mr. McGovern acquainted the Mayor's police with the circumstances, and they are on the lookout for the "friend."

The Independent Literary Society.

A very praiseworthy cause is that in which the young ladies and gentlemen of Allegheny county have recently engaged with so much zeal—the formation of literary societies for mutual improvement and self study. There are now about thirty of these societies in successful operation, represented in the Allegheny County Association which meets annually in this city, most of which belong to Emanuel Dyer's parish, while many others are still being organized. The Independent Literary and Debating Society was organized last evening at the Hancock school building, at the head of Seventh street, which is to meet weekly on Tuesday evening. Judging from the young people who are enrolled as members of the Independent, we predict for it a bright future among the galaxy of stars which compose the Allegheny county constellation.

The Days Before Christmas.

The days before Christmas are the very high days of the devotees of Kris Kingle. It is a busy time with the buyers, and ought to be a profitable one for the dealers. Times are unquestionably hard, and yet the impulses of love, affection and friendship will lead many to sacrifice much to obtain the cherished gift, the giving of which at this time has been a matter of fond anticipation, and the actual presentation of which will many not unimportant episode in the emotional lives of both giver and receiver. The solter air and the brighter sunshine of yesterday were actively employed by these engaged in providing for Christmas. If there is less trade than usual, it was not indicated on our streets yesterday. The sidewalks were thronged with busy crowds hurrying from one establishment to another, wearing the look of people bent on kindly errands.

The Kindergarten at the Second Presbyterian Church.

To the Editor of the Pittsburgh Commercial:

On Friday morning, at half-past nine, there will be a kindergarten exercise at the Second Presbyterian church, corner of Penn avenue and Seventh street, preparatory to the little ones marching in to see their Christmas tree adorned with their own childish gifts to their loved ones. To parents and those interested in children, I do not question but that it will be interesting. Why should such blessings be confined to the rich? Why should not the press in this region *demand* such things for their poor? Grateful for the many courtesies you have shown me, I send you this invitation that some of you may see, in a most unpretending way, how these little folks are managed.

There will be no special invitations, but all will be welcome. I shall be only a guest or visitor myself. I have no connection with the kindergarten but that of interest and sympathy.

Sincerely yours, J. S. T.

Westmoreland U. P. Presbytery.

This church court was in session at Logan's Ferry, on Tuesday and Wednesday last. Rev. M. M. Patterson was chosen Moderator and Rev. W. H. Sweet, clerk.

Rev. J. B. Jackson was released from the pastorate of Greensburg.

Calls were presented for the pastoral services of Rev. A. A. Nelson, from the congregations of Bethel, Westmoreland and from Buena Vista, also from Mount Pleasant, for Rev. J. H. Elder. The call from Logan's Ferry on Dr. Alex. Young was declined.

The petition for a new organization at Parnassus was granted.

Revs. Alex. Young, D. D., L. L. D., Oliver Kratz and M. M. Patterson were elected commissioners to the next General Assembly with Judge McLanahan and Messrs. Smith and J. A. Dick from the eldership.

Presbytery were very hospitably entertained and a vote of thanks was passed accordingly making special mention of the hospitalities of Mrs. Knowland.

Presbytery adjourned to meet at West Newton in April. S. B. M.

Charged with Incendiarism.

Charles Harbaugh had a hearing yesterday before Fire Marshal Livingston, and was committed to jail, in default of bail, to answer a charge of setting fire to his hotel in the Thirty-fifth ward. Two attempts were made to burn the place in August last. The first attempt was made on the 31st of August, but the neighbors discovered the fire before it had gained much headway and extinguished the flames. A can of oil was found where the fire had been started, and oil had been found over the woodwork. The next attempt was made on the 16th of the same month, and the fire was not extinguished until damage to the extent of $400 had been done. The last fire occurred while the room occupied by Harbaugh, and under the bed were found two kegs partly filled with paint. An investigation was had at the time, but while things looked suspicious, nothing could be discovered to fasten the crime on any one. Harbaugh asserted that he had been robbed the night of the fire, the thieves having taken a considerable amount of jewelry belonging to his wife, who was lying sick in a hospital. A female cousin of Harbaugh, who was keeping house for him, was also robbed the same night of forty-seven dollars of money. The cash was in her trunk, and the latter was broken open. The next morning she found a large knife, belonging to Harbaugh, lying near the trunk. Recent trouble between Harbaugh and the cousin led to his arrest. She had found some of her stolen jewelry in his possession.

BOY KILLED.

A Young Man Arrested for Causing His Death, but is Acquitted by a Coroner's Jury—Committed for Murder.

The Coroner held an inquest yesterday morning on the body of a boy named Wm. Little, who died about three o'clock in the morning of injuries produced by a fall the evening before. The affair which resulted in the lad's death happened in front of R. B. Cunningham's tin shop, No. 214 Wylie avenue, about eight o'clock Tuesday evening. It appears that deceased, who was about thirteen years of age, was playing on the sidewalk with a number of companions. They were annoying Mr. Frank Roll, who was in charge of the tin shop, and a young man named Bowman, who happened to be in the shop, started out at the request of Roll to drive the boys away. On his way out Bowman picked up a piece of gum hose, with which he struck young Little, when the lad, in endeavoring to run away, fell with his head against the curbstone, bursting a blood vessel, from which death ensued at the time stated. The jury gave a verdict of accidental death, acquitting Bowman of any intention to inflict serious bodily harm upon the deceased.

Bowman, it should be stated, was arrested yesterday morning and confined in the lock-up, and it is said that a charge of murder will be made against him by a relative of the deceased. He is between seventeen and eighteen, resides at No. 86 Crawford street, and drives a peddling wagon for J. W. Massey. Young Little was the son of the widow of Mr. John G. Little, deceased, and resided with his mother at No. 44 Crawford street.

—Last evening Robert Little made information before Alderman Burke, charging Bowman with murder. The accused was lodged in jail for a hearing.

VIOLATING THE REVENUE.

Arrest of Distillers in Butler County.

United States Detective Thomas A. Pender and Deputy Marshal Campbell yesterday brought to this city, from Butler county, John L. Hoffman, Conrad Hoffman and Wm. Bowers for carrying on the distillery business without making proper returns to the United States Collector, and Alexander Harvey and David Kelly for similar offenses charges. The first three waived a hearing and gave bail in the sum of $2,000 each for the May term of court, and Harvey and Kelly in the sum of $5,000 each. Harvey is charged with fraud, in that he disclaimed any connection with the distillery, when the opposite was the case, and Kelly is charged with fraudulently issuing warehousing bonds.

Quiteau excitement was created in Butler by the recent visit and action of the officers. It appears that the firm of Hoffman & Co., distillers, had failed and the establishment was to have been sold by the sheriff yesterday. U. S. Collector Sullivan, of the Twenty-third district, discovered that something was wrong, that the firm was much more heavily involved than was maintained, and at the instance of George Schaffer, United States Gauger, made the necessary information against the firm members.

The warehouse of the firm and 600 barrels of whisky have been seized by the Government.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Common Pleas No. 1—Judges Stowe and Collier.

Louis Prager vs. Louis Strauss. Jury out.

Thomas Scott vs. Annie E. Allinder. Verdict for plaintiff for $350.

Arthur Gainsford vs. Painter & Welsh. On trial.

In the voluntary assignment of Anderson & Ramsley to Theodore Bruback, Benjamin Schmidt and J. T. Houng were appointed appraisers.

Julius Prager vs. Raphael Strauss. Verdict for plaintiff for $13 68.

W. B. Hodge vs. B. Bahmer & Co. Verdict for plaintiff for $143 50.

Wesley Coulter vs. Francis & Johnson. On trial.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Hodgetts vs. Bradstreet *et al.*; Clark vs. Valentine *et al.*; Cruisbore vs. Chestnut *et al.*; Smith vs. McGaffin; same vs. O'Neill; Bill & Cune vs. O'Neill; McCabe vs. Lockhart; Froelich vs. Froman, Wier vs. Wier; Kapp vs. Magle; Fetch, administrator, vs. O'Neill; Bill & Co. vs. Baird; Bamm vs. Barry *et al.*; Krebbs vs. Benny; Grant vs. Finney; Griffith vs. Voigt; Mahood & Co.

Common Pleas No. 2—Judges Ewing and Kirkpatrick.

David Clayburn vs. William League. Verdict for defendant.

William A. Reed vs. Thomas Bell and John Wier. Jury out.

City of Allegheny vs. Robinson's estate. Jury out.

Criminal Court—Judge Sterrett.

John Glemen was acquitted of a charge of felonious assault and battery, preferred by Thos. Metcalff.

Chas. Back was acquitted of a charge of larceny, preferred by Wm. Dunn.

George N. Butterfield and W. G. Alexander, convicted of the larceny of a ton of iron of the value of thirty dollars, charged by C. W. Hastings, were each sentenced to the Penitentiary for two years and six months.

Frederick Hoard and Joseph Stroup, convicted of the larceny of ten pounds of beef, were each sentenced to the Workhouse for sixty. Frederick Henning was the prosecutor.

Tillie Smith pleaded guilty to the charge of larceny preferred by John Powers, and was sentenced to the House of Refuge.

The jury found a verdict of acquittal in the case of Larry Glenn indicted for entering a building with intent to commit a felony.

The jury acquit in the case of Louis Kim indicted for larceny.

James Goodrich pleaded *nolo contendre* to a charge of assault and battery with intent to steal from the person.

TRIAL LIST FOR TO-DAY.

Commonwealth vs. Duffy; B. Swartzwelder; Wm. Timmer; Louis Klan; M. B. Emmell; Theodore Hene *et al.*; Jacob Schlotthauser *et al.*; Patterson Higgins; James Goodrich; A. M. Crozier; Wm Sarber (2); J. H. Snyder; Conrad Graupner; Charles Smith; Willis Johnson; Robert Glasgow; Charles Wyland; John Richley (2); John M. Linder.

United States District Court—Judge McCandless.

In the case of C. Lichtenferger & Co. et al. vs. M. Weil & Co., of Allegheny City, the said debtors were ordered to file a full list of creditors.

In the matter of Ogsons & Baldwin, bankrupts, of this city, in petition and on motion, an order was made for the sale of certain scales at private sale.

In the matter of N. Whiting & Co., bankrupts, of this city, on motion for an injunction, an order was made for a hearing upon the same on the 28th instant, and in the meantime re training R. Patrick & Co. from performing the acts sought to be enjoined.

In the matter of Onions, Baldwin & Co., bankrupts, the petition praying for composition order was made directing the assignee to deliver to Page & Co., certain boxes of small scales.

In the matter of R. B. Edgar, bankrupt, of Beaver county, an order was made directing the assignee to pay to R. B. Edgar the balance of the gunpowder money due on a certain lot.

In the matter of Heinz, Noble & Co., bankrupts, of this city, the application for the appointment of a provisional assignee was withdrawn.

Frank Frondee of this county, filed a petition in bankruptcy, and the matter was referred to Register Harper.

The cases in equity of W. B. Scaife vs. A. Fulton, Son & Co. and J. B. Sheriff & Sons, were argued. It is an action for alleged infringement in the making of steam syphon pumps. Messrs. J. J. Johnston and George Shiras, Jr., for plaintiff, and Bakewell and Kerr for defendant.

A Sad History.

A petition presented in the Orphans' Court yesterday, by Isaac Van Voorhis and James H. Porte, for the appointment of a guardian for Miss Lulie Ward, brings to mind a history, the closing chapter of which is full of sadness. In 1864 Mrs. Dr. Ward, wife of the former Physician to the City Farm, came from New York, where she had been visiting, bringing this child, then but three years old, intending to raise her. Shortly afterwards she was stolen away by a New York party, who had been ordered by a New York *accoucheur* to procure the child, and taken to New York. Mrs. Ward then went to New York and again brought back the child, saying she had adopted her and intended to make this child her heiress. As they will not only get the work well done, but get it done quickly and neatly.

SHOW BEEF.

Mr. George Beilstein, the well known butcher, will offer to his customers a rare treat, on Friday next, at his stall, No. 12 Diamond market, Allegheny. He will cut up one of the finest specimens of beef ever raised on the Western Continent. The buttock is a regular beauty, and weighs 2,000 pounds on the hoof. It was bought from N. & J. Rothschild, stock dealers, of Allegheny City, and gentlemen wishing steaks or roasts for Christmas, should leave their orders, or be promptly on hand at the stall, on Friday. There are few such favorable opportunities for getting a really choice cut of beef, and Mr. Beilstein deserves the highest commendation for his enterprise.

CHARLES P. ORVIS.

Those who have occasion to visit the Postoffice and City Hall should by all means "pay their respects" to Charley Orvis, 120 Smithfield street, opposite the municipal seat of justice. Here is a saloon well appointed and well kept, with a bar supplied with the best wines, liquors and cigars. For a good, quiet drink, well "sel-lay" and easily "taken down," Charley Orvis's is the place. Bear this in mind, also: In addition to the free lunch, at the usual hours, Orvis sets a ten cent lunch, at all any time, which has made it very popular. This lunch includes a cup of delicious coffee, and the mystery is how such a capital snack can be furnished for a dime. Give Orvis a call.

J. C. STROUP.

One of the most popular resorts among those who indulge in an occasional drink, is the Theatrical Headquarters of J. C. Stroup, 84 Fifth avenue. The house is admirably kept, the bar is one of the finest in the city, and in the specialty of "fancy mixed drinks" Stroup takes the palm. The wines are of the finest brands, and the liquors pure, so that gentlemen can indulge freely without taking any "extra risks. It is the knowledge of this fact, coupled with the excellent manner in which the house is conducted, that has rendered Stroup's such a favorite place of resort. There are billiard tables and a lunch room connected with the bar, and sporting gentlemen and free livers will find this a very agreeable and attractive place.

GEO. L. MACKLEY & CO.

This firm is located at No. 117 Wood street, and have established for themselves a wide reputation and a steady increasing trade. Their stock of furs, hats and caps is very large, and so varied in style, quality and price that all persons visiting this house can hardly fail to be suited. For the holidays they have received a splendid stock of goods, very elegant and stylish, all of which they are offering at decided bargains.

Those who desire to present a friend with a fine silk tile, would do well to call at this establishment and make their selections.

Messrs. Mackley & Co. will sell at very low prices during the rest of the season.

R. S. DAVIS & CO.

This old and reliable establishment, located at No. 175 Liberty street, seems to be the center of attraction during these Holiday times, for go when you will, during the day or evening, and you will find it crowded with customers making their purchases from among the vast collection of books, &c., with which the salesrooms here are stored. We have not space to enumerate the multitude of attractions which present themselves to the visitor to this establishment, but suffice it to say that one will find all the fine books of the season; fine gold pens and pencils; fine pearl card cases; Sunday school reward cards; all the new styles of note paper and envelopes, books for children; Bibles, hymn books, Webster's dictionary—in sheep, morocco and Russia, and a great variety of other articles suitable for holiday presents.

J. B. & A. MURDOCH.

Do you wish something to complete the adornment of your house, and render it cheerful looking and bright for the holiday season? If so, call at J. R. & A. Murdoch's, the popular florists, No. 112 Smithfield street, and obtain some plants, evergreens, Christmas trees, flowers, &c. It is not only necessary to decorate our churches, where the annual Christmas festivals are to be held, but in order that there may be home circle festivals the dwelling should be handsomely decorated. Don't omit this matter, and if you have not already attended to it, see to it that it is not neglected. Santa Claus will make his visit much more happy to the children if the parlors of our dwellings are ornamented and adorned with trees and similar emblems of Christmas time. Flowers in bouquets, baskets, and in every shape desired, are furnished promptly by this firm.

AN ELEGANT HOLIDAY PRESENT.

One of the most appropriate and useful holiday presents—one that will pay for itself many times—is "The New Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine." The popularity of these machines is attested by the praise they receive in thousands of families where they are in daily use. Another evidence of the popularity of the "Wheeler & Wilson" is the use of them by the leading dressmakers and seamstresses. Besides the Family Machine the Wheeler & Wilson Company have the celebrated Nos. 6 and 7 machines for manufacturing anything in the line of leather or cloth. These machines are rapidly supplanting other makes of machines, and are justly entitled to the great name they have. Accommodating terms of payment at the company's office, 140 Wood street.

C. C. BAER.

This firm, located at No. 108 Wood street, is too well known by almost every lover of the weed to require extended notice at our hands. Therefore we simply desire to remind our readers that this establishment is the headquarters for every description of fine and medium grades of tobacco and cigars. Mr. Baer's stock of specialties in fine cigars embraces a great variety, among which is the celebrated Maid of Orleans brand, a fine clear Havana cigar, specially noted for its fine flavor and good smoking qualities. A large assortment of fine smoking tobaccos and meerchaum pipes, meerchaum cigar tubes, fine match and tobacco boxes, all grades of fine chewing tobacco, and, in fact, everything that a first-class establishment could possibly contain is to be found here, and of the very best quality at reasonable prices. A selection from this establishment would make a very acceptable holiday present, and one that would be fully appreciated.

"ONE PRICE,"

and that a square, honest one, is one of the best business rules ever laid down. This is the motto which governs the Boston Clothing House, and is established a test, and in a comparatively few years a very large and profitable custom has been obtained. Those who deal there once, generally go back as often as they have occasion and opportunity, because they never have occasion to regret their purchases. The proprietors are largely engaged in the business, having every facility for the purchase of the best goods at the lowest rates, and for making them into every variety of seasonable garments. The stock now on hand is full and choice, and we are pleased to learn that, as the holiday season is drawing near, the choice and select assortment will be increased more and more active. Those who have not examined these goods will be surprised at the prices at which they are sold.

R. H. PALMER.

The old and substantial hat, cap and fur house of R. H. Palmer, 151 Wood street, offers superior inducements to purchasers in these lines during the holidays. The proprietor is noted for the skill and judgment which he exercises in the selection of his goods, and the house has long maintained the highest character for old-fashioned stability and integrity. The best families in the two cities have been regular customers here for years, and will continue their patronage so long as the same favorable conditions exist. The goods are all of the best materials, and warranted as represented in the sales. Ladies will find the line of furs exceedingly choice and attractive, and the prices remarkably favorable. The hat and cap department is up to the high standard of excellence which characterizes this house, and we would urge our readers to call and examine for themselves. There are a number of unique and stylish articles suitable for holiday gifts.

L. McINTOSH & CO.

This establishment, located at the corner of Fifth avenue and Market streets, sustains a reputation second to no other house in their line of goods in the city, or in fact, we might say, in the country. It has long had an established reputation for dealing in first class and reliable goods, and it cannot be disputed that this is the fact when one takes the pains to visit the establishment and inspect the splendid assortment of fine wares continually on exhibition. You will find here a magnificent selection of gold and silver watches, American and Swiss makes, all fine goods, warranted; a large and varied assortment of diamonds of the first water; jewelry of the finest quality and in all the modern styles; diamond ear rings, studs and finger rings, stone cameos; a magnificent selection of bronze groups and clock sets; a large and fine line of silver goods; French clocks, &c., &c. It will well repay all who have not made their selection for the holidays, to call here and inspect this vast stock of fine goods, and there will fail to be suited here will be hard to please indeed.

W. A. GILDENFENNEY & CO.

One would hardly think it necessary to give the location of this establishment, so well and favorably known as it is by almost everybody, both old and young, yet for fear there are some who, in the hurry and excitement of their Christmas shopping, should accidentally forget the place, we respectfully call your attention to the number, 69 Fifth avenue. A visit to this establishment will set the heart aglow with youthful remembrances of remembrances of the by-gone merry Christmas days when our youthful heart was gladened by the presentation to us of a good book, perchance from our parents or beloved friends. Messrs. G & Co. have a large selection of of the choice literature of the day, and in addition to this they display one of the finest assortments of photograph Aluums, plain and initial stationery, pearl card cases, Russia leather goods, checker and chess boards, and in fact everything that is to be found in a first class and well regulated book and stationery store.

MOORHOUSE & CARSTEN.

While falling in with the spirit of the time, every purchaser will desire that the gift given be one which will be both beautiful and useful. To such a buyer the announcement made by Messrs. Moorhouse & Carsten will be especially attractive. At this house, which is recognized as among the very best in the city, the goods have all been marked down to the lowest notch, and elegant, substantial and useful gifts can now be had at unprecedentedly low rates. The stock is an immense one, and consists in of all kinds of Cloaks, Sacques, Muffs, Boas, Silks, Plain and Colored, Satins, Cashmeres and all varieties of dress goods. Housekeeping goods of every description, woolen goods, shawls, hosiery, flannels, &c. It is just such a stock as will commend itself to the consideration of the wise purchaser, who would have the gift to be, not alone a remembrance of the holiday season, but something that will be of some practical use. If any of our readers wish to make a present that will be acceptable in every sense of the word, and will be a gift that will last long after the festivals of the season has passed, we would advise them to go to the store of Messrs. Moorehouse & Carsten, corner of Fourth avenue and Market street.

D. MAHAN, PHOTOGRAPHER.

To those who wish to secure a photograph, in the highest style of the art, we unhesitatingly commend Mr. D. Mahan. Whether the picture is to be gotten up plain, or in colors—whether it is to cost ten dollars or a hundred—Mahan's is the place to get it. After many years of hard study he has succeeded in producing the best chemical pictures in the country—that is to say, his practical knowledge of photographic chemicals enables him to get the best results possible in producing and finishing his pictures. He is the leading man in photographic chemistry, and in proof of this claim it is only necessary to give in evidence a number of the pictures now on exhibition in his gallery—pictures produced by means of his improved chemical appliances, and which cannot be excelled for beauty and finish of detail. Mr. Mahan's fame is not confined to Western Pennsylvania, as he is now doing work for parties in Washington city, New York, Lancaster and in fact all over the country. Our readers, then, who desire to place their countenances on record, at this, the beginning of the centennial year, to show their descendants—who will celebrate the second centennial of American liberty—"how they looked a hundred years ago," should secure the services of Mahan, whose skill will perpetuate their faces with wonderful fidelity, to latest generations.

S. HAMILTON.

What so suitable as a piano or organ? There is no gift, in the entire category of holiday presents, either for wife, sister or daughter, as acceptable as a pianoor organ; and none which will afford a greater degree of pleasure in the using. To those who have concluded to "make home happy" in this way, we would say—go to Hamilton's by all means. There are several reasons why they should. In the first place, the Decker piano and the Estey organs are superb—unrivalled in the estimation of thousands who are using them. Then Mr. Hamilton's trade is so extensive that he is enabled to sell at the lowest possible rates. The purchaser, therefore, gets the finest instruments at the least outlay. Not only so; but if you are not able to pay up in full, he will allow you to make your own terms. A small sum each month will suit him, and in this way a magnificent piano or splendid organ can be had without the purchaser feeling the slightest inconvenience. His terms this holiday season are lower than ever before. Call and examine the goods, at the warerooms, 77 Fifth avenue, second floor. The looking-glass at the door denotes the place. Do not let the opportunity pass—you cannot have a more favorable opportunity to secure a bargain.

REYMER BRO'S.

We have before referred to the excellence of the candies manufactured by the Reymer Bro's., of Nos. 126, 128 and 130 Wood street, and mentioned the fact that they were awarded all the first premiums on confectionery at the late Exposition, and deservedly so, as there is not a superior establishment of the kind in the State. They manufacture all manner of candies and confections, and deal in all kinds of choice fruits and nuts, and make—

French bon-bons of all descriptions,
Chocolate Pralines,
Cream nuts Glace,
Almonds Glace,
English walnuts Glace,
Caramels, assorted flavors,
Cuban Flake Taffy—very fine.
They deal in
Fancy Boxes for Confectionery—all shapes,
Cornucopias—every kind.
Bananas,
Malaga Grapes,
Oranges and Lemons,
Prunes, Raisins,
Figs, Nuts,
Etc., etc., etc.,

and invite comparison of prices and quality of goods with those of other houses.

WM. H. SHEIB

Those who make music a profession, or who "play upon many instruments," will find anything they want, in the musical line, at Sheib's, 70 Fifth avenue. Indeed, this is headquarters for musical instruments, sheet music, music books, strings, etc., etc. The Weber piano and the Woods organ head the list, and skilled musicians know and appreciate the merits of these instruments. They are first-class in every respect, and of course make the most acceptable of all presents. If something less expensive is desired, it must surely be found in this list: Accordeons, Banjos, Bones, Bugles, Band Instruments, Cellos, Concertinas, Cornets, Castanetts, Drums, Double Basses, Eolian Harps, Flutes, Fifes, Guitars, Harmonicas, Indian Whistles, Jewsharps, Kriss Kringle Bells, Lyres, Mouth Organs, Music Boxes, Music Folios and Wrappers, Metronomes, New Musical Notions, Oboes, Octave Flutes, Piccolos, Pan Flutes, Queer Novelties, Reed Instruments, Sounding Horns, Triangles, Trumpets, Trombones, Useful Trimmings, Violins, Violincellos, Violin Bows, Violincello Bows, Wood Instruments, Xcellent Strings and Zithers, with other things too numerous to mentions.

W. W. WATERS.

Of the many acceptable Holiday presents none would be more fully appreciated, by those who love to see music mixed with knowledge, than a good book. W. W. Waters, 198 Penn avenue, has a very large selection of standard works, both historical and religious, by the most celebrated authors, and bound in all the most elegant styles and designs, any of which would make a Holiday present worth many times more, so far as intrinsic merit is concerned, than anything else one could give.

A large assortment of elegantly bound family Bibles, prayer and hymn books, are to be found here, and if you have not already a family bible, what more appropriate present could you make, or provide yourself with; since there is no article that ought to be more thoroughly appreciated. In addition, one will find here an immense collection of story books for the children, and older persons as well, all written by the most celebrated authors and are thoroughly pure in tone and very instructive. Initial note paper and envelopes, gold pens and pencils, and, in fact, everything that is to be found in a well regulated book store. Mr. Waters has an efficient corps of assistants, therefore no one need be kept waiting during the throng of holiday purchasers, but all can be served immediately, either day or evening.

B. L. H. DABBS.

We know of no firm in this city that has made more rapid progress in the art of photography than that of Mr. B. L. H. Dabbs, who has quite recently moved into new and elegant quarters, at the corner of Market and Liberty streets. In securing this new location, Mr. Dabbs has gained one very important advantage in the way of skylight arrangements, which is paramount to almost every other thing in the house, and we would urge our readers to call and examine for themselves. There are a number of unique and stylish articles suitable for holiday gifts.

L. McINTOSH & CO.

This establishment, located at the corner of Fifth avenue and Market streets, sustains a reputation second to no other house in their line of goods in the city, or in fact, we might say, in the country. It has long had an established reputation for dealing in first class and reliable goods, and it cannot be disputed that this is the fact when one takes the pains to visit the establishment and inspect the splendid assortment of fine wares continually on exhibition. You will find here a magnificent selection of gold and silver watches, American and Swiss makes, all fine goods, warranted; a large and varied assortment of diamonds of the first water; jewelry of the finest quality and in all the modern styles; diamond ear rings, studs and finger rings, stone cameos; a magnificent selection of bronze groups and clock sets; a large and fine line of silver goods; French clocks, &c., &c. It will well repay all who have not made their selection for the holidays, to call here and inspect this vast stock of fine goods, and there will fail to be suited here will be hard to please indeed.

W. A. GILDENFENNEY & CO.

One would hardly think it necessary to give the location of this establishment, so well and favorably known as it is by almost everybody, both old and young, yet for fear there are some who, in the hurry and excitement of their Christmas shopping, should accidentally forget the place, we respectfully call your attention to the number, 69 Fifth avenue. A visit to this establishment will set the heart aglow with youthful remembrances of remembrances of the by-gone merry Christmas days when our youthful heart was gladened by the presentation to us of a good book, perchance from our parents or beloved friends. Messrs. G & Co. have a large selection of of the choice literature of the day, and in addition to this they display one of the finest assortments of photograph Aluums, plain and initial stationery, pearl card cases, Russia leather goods, checker and chess boards, and in fact everything that is to be found in a first class and well regulated book and stationery store.

MOORHOUSE & CARSTEN.

While falling in with the spirit of the time, every purchaser will desire that the gift given be one which will be both beautiful and useful. To such a buyer the announcement made by Messrs. Moorhouse & Carsten will be especially attractive. At this house, which is recognized as among the very best in the city, the goods have all been marked down to the lowest notch, and elegant, substantial and useful gifts can now be had at unprecedentedly low rates. The stock is an immense one, and consists in of all kinds of Cloaks, Sacques, Muffs, Boas, Silks, Plain and Colored, Satins, Cashmeres and all varieties of dress goods. Housekeeping goods of every description, woolen goods, shawls, hosiery, flannels, &c. It is just such a stock as will commend itself to the consideration of the wise purchaser, who would have the gift to be, not alone a remembrance of the holiday season, but something that will be of some practical use. If any of our readers wish to make a present that will be acceptable in every sense of the word, and will be a gift that will last long after the festivals of the season has passed, we would advise them to go to the store of Messrs. Moorehouse & Carsten, corner of Fourth avenue and Market street.

D. MAHAN, PHOTOGRAPHER.

To those who wish to secure a photograph, in the highest style of the art, we unhesitatingly commend Mr. D. Mahan. Whether the picture is to be gotten up plain, or in colors—whether it is to cost ten dollars or a hundred—Mahan's is the place to get it. After many years of hard study he has succeeded in producing the best chemical pictures in the country—that is to say, his practical knowledge of photographic chemicals enables him to get the best results possible in producing and finishing his pictures. He is the leading man in photographic chemistry, and in proof of this claim it is only necessary to give in evidence a number of the pictures now on exhibition in his gallery—pictures produced by means of his improved chemical appliances, and which cannot be excelled for beauty and finish of detail. Mr. Mahan's fame is not confined to Western Pennsylvania, as he is now doing work for parties in Washington city, New York, Lancaster and in fact all over the country. Our readers, then, who desire to place their countenances on record, at this, the beginning of the centennial year, to show their descendants—who will celebrate the second centennial of American liberty—"how they looked a hundred years ago," should secure the services of Mahan, whose skill will perpetuate their faces with wonderful fidelity, to latest generations.

S. HAMILTON.

What so suitable as a piano or organ? There is no gift, in the entire category of holiday presents, either for wife, sister or daughter, as acceptable as a pianoor organ; and none which will afford a greater degree of pleasure in the using. To those who have concluded to "make home happy" in this way, we would say—go to Hamilton's by all means. There are several reasons why they should. In the first place, the Decker piano and the Estey organs are superb—unrivalled in the estimation of thousands who are using them. Then Mr. Hamilton's trade is so extensive that he is enabled to sell at the lowest possible rates. The purchaser, therefore, gets the finest instruments at the least outlay. Not only so; but if you are not able to pay up in full, he will allow you to make your own terms. A small sum each month will suit him, and in this way a magnificent piano or splendid organ can be had without the purchaser feeling the slightest inconvenience. His terms this holiday season are lower than ever before. Call and examine the goods, at the warerooms, 77 Fifth avenue, second floor. The looking-glass at the door denotes the place. Do not let the opportunity pass—you cannot have a more favorable opportunity to secure a bargain.

REYMER BRO'S.

We have before referred to the excellence of the candies manufactured by the Reymer Bro's., of Nos. 126, 128 and 130 Wood street, and mentioned the fact that they were awarded all the first premiums on confectionery at the late Exposition, and deservedly so, as there is not a superior establishment of the kind in the State. They manufacture all manner of candies and confections, and deal in all kinds of choice fruits and nuts, and make—

French bon-bons of all descriptions,
Chocolate Pralines,
Cream nuts Glace,
Almonds Glace,
English walnuts Glace,
Caramels, assorted flavors,
Cuban Flake Taffy—very fine.
They deal in
Fancy Boxes for Confectionery—all shapes,
Cornucopias—every kind.
Bananas,
Malaga Grapes,
Oranges and Lemons,
Prunes, Raisins,
Figs, Nuts,
Etc., etc., etc.,

and invite comparison of prices and quality of goods with those of other houses.

WM. H. SHEIB

Those who make music a profession, or who "play upon many instruments," will find anything they want, in the musical line, at Sheib's, 70 Fifth avenue. Indeed, this is headquarters for musical instruments, sheet music, music books, strings, etc., etc. The Weber piano and the Woods organ head the list, and skilled musicians know and appreciate the merits of these instruments. They are first-class in every respect, and of course make the most acceptable of all presents. If something less expensive is desired, it must surely be found in this list: Accordeons, Banjos, Bones, Bugles, Band Instruments, Cellos, Concertinas, Cornets, Castanetts, Drums, Double Basses, Eolian Harps, Flutes, Fifes, Guitars, Harmonicas, Indian Whistles, Jewsharps, Kriss Kringle Bells, Lyres, Mouth Organs, Music Boxes, Music Folios and Wrappers, Metronomes, New Musical Notions, Oboes, Octave Flutes, Piccolos, Pan Flutes, Queer Novelties, Reed Instruments, Sounding Horns, Triangles, Trumpets, Trombones, Useful Trimmings, Violins, Violincellos